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Government of Nunavut and NTI Release Clyde River Protocol Review

Pangnirtung, Nunavut (October 10, 2001) - Nunavut Premier Paul Okalik and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc (NTI) Acting President James Eetoolook today signed the first Review of the Clyde River Protocol. The Protocol itself, signed by Government of Nunavut (GN) and NTI in October 1999, governs working relationships between the two largest representative bodies in Nunavut.

Covering the period from October 1999 through December 2000, the Review examines progress in implementing the Protocol. The two major elements of the Protocol are a mechanism for setting and working on priority areas and a mechanism for identifying and solving problems in the working relationship.

“We are very pleased to be able to sign this Review of the Clyde River Protocol’s work to date,” said James Eetoolook, Acting President of NTI. “The Protocol has helped frame and guide the NTI and GN relationship that is so important to our common purpose in implementing the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and achieving the hopes and aspirations of Nunavummiut.”

“Most initiatives in our relationship with NTI are guided by the Clyde River Protocol,” Premier Okalik said. “I am very pleased to have signed this progress report today and I look forward to continued successful work in the future.”

Collaborative groups established under the Protocol include the Article 24 Working Group, through which the Government of Nunavut’s Nunavummi Nangminiqagtunik Ikajuuti (NNI) Policy governing contracting was developed. The Working Group on a new Education Act, which continues to provide recommendations to Government on both the Act and Regulations, was also established under the Protocol.

Future priority areas to be handled under the Protocol include the creation of a Special Working Group on implementing Article 23, concerning Inuit employment in government. This Group will begin meeting shortly. GN and NTI are also cooperating in negotiating an updated 10 Year Implementation Contract with the Federal Government.

Reviews of the Clyde River Protocol will continue to be done on a regular basis to ensure progress, identify problem areas and celebrate successes.

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