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Nunavut Hosts Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference

IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 16, 2004) – Canada's Energy and Mines Ministers meet in Iqaluit next week to discuss national priorities, opportunities, and issues in the energy and mine sectors. The 61st Annual Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference brings federal, provincial and territorial governments, industry representatives and other stakeholders together in Iqaluit on July 19 and 20, 2004.

“The conference provides an excellent opportunity to discuss national issues that must be managed properly so that opportunities are not lost and potential negative impacts are minimized,” states David Simailak, Nunavut's Minister of Economic Development and Transportation and Minister of Energy.

Among national issues to be discussed are regulatory efficiency, promotion of renewable and cleaner energy, and mining as a catalyst for sustainable development in Aboriginal communities.

Simailak welcomes more than 140 delegates to the conference, which is being held in Iqaluit for the first time. “Showcasing Nunavut's opportunities in energy production and resource development to my national colleagues is exciting for the territory. This is a unique opportunity that I hope will foster a greater understanding of how Nunavut is turning challenges into opportunities,” he said.

The 2004 Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference is sponsored by NorthwesTel and the Canadian Centre for Energy Information.

Conference delegates will be available to answer media questions at noon. and 5:00 p.m. daily.

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