



## News Release

### Positive Step for Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 10, 2004)** – The Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project has been given an important boost with the federal government decision that will enable the Nunavut Impact Review Board to conduct an environmental review of the project.

“The Government of Nunavut welcomes the recent decision by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, to allow the Nunavut Impact Review Board instead of a federal agency to carry out the review. It recognizes Nunavut’s ability to manage extensive environmental reviews,” said Economic Development and Transportation Minister David Simailak.

Federal Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Andy Mitchell announced May 7, 2004 that a Part 5 Review of the project will be conducted.

A Part 5 Review gives a local agency the responsibility for a review, and supports the requirement set out in Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. A Part 6 Review would have given a federal agency the responsibility.

“While new economic development is greatly needed, Nunavut’s physical environment requires unique consideration, protection and mitigation measures. The Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project will be designed to respect the wildlife, lands and waters of Nunavut and the interests of future generations,” said Simailak.

This announcement comes after strong representations for a Part 5 Review from the project’s proponents: the Kitikmeot Corporation and Nuna Logistics, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and the Government of Nunavut. These organizations along with Inmet Mining and the local communities of Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, and Bathurst Inlet form the project Technical Committee created to advance this project.

Improvements to transportation, infrastructure and services afforded by the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road project will build a strong and sustainable economy. Immediate benefits of the project include employment and business opportunities related to mineral development and a decreased cost of living for residents in the local communities.

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