



## News Release

### GN and NTI Strengthen Co-operation Under New Protocol

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 28, 2004)** – The Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) have deepened their working relationship with today's signing of a new co-operation accord. Premier Paul Okalik of Nunavut and NTI President Paul Kaludjak have signed *Iqqanaijaqatigiit – Working Together*, a protocol that reflects and will help guide the growing co-operation between the organizations.

This signing followed the first-ever meeting of the full GN Cabinet and the full NTI Board of Directors yesterday evening. *Iqqanaijaqatigiit – Working Together* will replace the 1999 Clyde River Protocol that previously governed the relationship between NTI and the GN.

“We are demonstrating our continuing commitment to building a constructive and co-operative relationship between the GN and NTI that will benefit the people of Nunavut,” said Okalik.

The new protocol commits the GN and NTI to collaborate on matters of mutual concern and interest and to work co-operatively in the areas of economic development, implementation of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, as well as the environment and social policy.

“Implementation of the Land Claims Agreement requires very close co-operation between NTI and the GN,” said Kaludjak. “This new protocol incorporates lessons learned over the past four years, and will help us set priorities for collaboration and to deal more effectively with problems when they arise,” he said.

Under *Iqqanaijaqatigiit – Working Together*, NTI's President and the Premier of Nunavut will meet at least annually to review relations and progress on priority areas of co-operation.

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