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Economic Development Minister Leads Delegation to Arctic Bay

IQALUIT (January 18, 2005) – Economic Development and Transportation Minister David Simailak will lead a delegation of cabinet ministers and Quttiktuq MLA Levi Barnabas to meet with the hamlet council and residents of Arctic Bay later this month.

“The meetings are part of the government’s commitment to providing information on the decommissioning and environmental reclamation of the Nanisivik mine site. By discussing the government’s decision directly with community members and representatives we hope to build agreement on how we can assist the community with future development plans,” said Simailak.

The public meeting will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on January 31 at the Inuujaq School gymnasium and will be followed by a community feast commencing at 7:00 p.m. A formal meeting will be held the following day with the hamlet’s mayor and council.

Joining Minister Simailak and Barnabas in Arctic Bay will be Premier Paul Okalik, Environment Minister Olayuk Akesuk and Community and Government Services Minister Peter Kilabuk, as well as senior government officials.

“I am pleased that the cabinet recognizes the importance of meeting with my constituents to help the community of Arctic Bay understand the reasons for the reclamation of the Nanisivik site,” said Barnabas.

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