



News Release

Nunavut Anticipates Cold Weather Testing Program for Airbus A380

PARIS, France (June 15, 2005) -- Minister of Finance David Simailak, on behalf of the Government of Nunavut, today announced that Iqaluit International Airport is one of the airports that anticipates hosting the cold weather testing program for the world's largest passenger transport aircraft, the Airbus A380. The announcement was made following discussions with Airbus regarding its testing requirements.

"A testing program of the size and scope of the A380 will have a significant economic impact, with many benefits for Nunavut," said Simailak. Given its strategic arctic location, Iqaluit has played host to numerous cold weather testing programs for the international aerospace community in recent years. "Cold weather testing programs such as the A380 can inject millions of dollars into the Nunavut economy," added the Minister. Airbus anticipates separate cold weather testing programs for airframe, engines, and systems.

Airbus has demonstrated a growing interest in Iqaluit International Airport in recent years and is well suited to specific aspects of the A380 certification program. "We have had a number of successful campaigns in Iqaluit," adds the Minister. "We know the infrastructure, cold weather, and warm northern hospitality meets our client's needs. These programs place Iqaluit on the world stage. We hope to attract even more cold weather testing programs to Nunavut."

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