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Simailak's Resignation Accepted

IQALUIT, Nunavut (**December 11, 2007**) – Premier Paul Okalik has accepted the resignation of David Simailak from Executive Council and realigned cabinet portfolios. Simailak has served on cabinet since March 2004 and most recently held the portfolios of Finance and Economic Development & Transportation.

"Mr. Simailak has made significant contributions to our territory," said Okalik. "However, in order to maintain public confidence in our government, he has chosen to step aside."

Minister Patterk Netser will assume responsibilities as Minister of Economic Development & Transportation and Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Minister Louis Tapardjuk will serve as Minister of Finance while maintaining responsibility for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth and Human Resources.

Minister Olayuk Akesuk will resume the responsibilities of Minister of Environment and Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board.

Mr. Simailak will continue to serve his constituents as the Member of Legislative Assembly for Baker Lake.

These changes take effect immediately.

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