

News Release

Senior Appointments to Nunavut Public Service

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 16, 2008) – Premier Paul Okalik has made appointments which will enhance the public service and broaden experience of senior managers.

Mr. Pauloosie Suvega will serve as Assistant Deputy Minister of Executive in the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Suvega previously served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Economic Development & Transportation and Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance. He is founder and past President/CEO of Innirvik Support Services and holds an Advanced Management Diploma.

Ms. Jane Cooper will serve as Assistant Deputy Minister of Economic Development in the Department of Economic Development & Transportation. Cooper has served over thirty years with the Governments of the Nunavut and Northwest Territories. Most recently, she served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment. She holds a Masters degree in Education with a focus on Inuktitut.

Mr. John Lamb will serve as Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment. Lamb previously served as Executive Assistant to the Ministers of Finance and Economic Development & Transportation and as Director of Devolution. Prior to joining the Government of Nunavut, he was Chief Executive Officer of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

Mr. David Omilgoitok will resume the responsibilities as Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and will continue to serve as Deputy Minister of Executive and Secretary to Cabinet.

Premier Okalik has accepted the resignation of Mr. Victor Tootoo, Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Omilgoitok's appointment and Mr. Tootoo's resignation are effective January 18, 2008. All other appointments are effective January 28, 2008.

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