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Premier Announces Changes in Public Service

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 30, 2009) – Premier Eva Aariak today announced the following change in the senior ranks of the Government of Nunavut.

Alain Barriault will be appointed President of the Nunavut Housing Corporation effective December 7, 2009. Mr. Barriault was chosen from a list of candidates through a competitive executive search process. Mr. Barriault has a 20 year career in housing construction and maintenance, including previous work with the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation and the Nunavut Housing Corporation in Arviat and Iqaluit. He is a professional engineer with a Masters in Business Administration.

"I am pleased to welcome Mr. Barriault to our senior management," said Premier Aariak. "Full Caucus recently urged that we develop strategies to increase the supply of housing across the territory. Mr. Barriault has a strong management background and hands-on experience with housing projects in Nunavut. These skills and experience make him an ideal candidate to lead the Housing Corporation's contribution to this government-wide priority."

The appointment follows the retirement of Peter Scott, who served as the President since April 2003. "I would like to thank Mr. Scott for his many years of service to the Nunavut Housing Corporation, and wish him the very best for the future," said Premier Aariak. David Akoak, an Iqaluit resident who is one of two Vice-Presidents of the Corporation, will be appointed Interim President until Mr. Barriault's appointment becomes effective.

"I am pleased to welcome Alain back to Nunavut", said Hunter Tootoo, the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. "He is well known by the staff of the Corporation and will bring a broad range of experience that will serve our government well as we continue to improve the availability of housing to Nunavummiut."

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