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### NTCL begins operations in Kivalliq region

Churchill, MB – Northern Transportation Company Limited (NTCL) is pleased to announce the start of shipping operations to the Kivalliq region. The first barges are expected to leave Churchill, weather permitting, on Thursday, August 16, 2006.

The *MV Keewatin* will tow barges to the following communities: Arviat, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Baker Lake and Whale Cove. NTCL plans to reach all Kivalliq communities by the end of this shipping season.

“We’re very happy to be back in the region, shipping freight to our customers in the Kivalliq,” said David Foster, NTCL President. “Our mandate is to provide the most efficient shipping service at the most competitive cost to our customers and owners who live in the region.”

NTCL has made arrangement with Kivalliq Marine Transportation Services of Churchill to load cargo at the Port of Churchill. Kivalliq leases the Port of Churchill from the Hudson Bay Port Company, a division of OmniTrax.

“We are very pleased that NTCL has come back to the Kivalliq. The region has a long history with the company and has always been well served by this northern-owned transportation company,” says Glen McLean, a businessman from Baker Lake. “We are confident that NTCL is committed to working to provide us with the best price for shipping cargo into the region.”

Northern Transportation Company Limited, Canada’s oldest and largest northern tug and barge company, has been serving Northern communities for more than 70 years. Since 1985, the company has been owned by NorTerra Inc. which itself is owned equally by Nunasi Corporation of Nunavut and the Inuvialuit Development Corporation in the Northwest Territories.

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