



Gwich'in Development Corporation and Inuvialuit Development Corporation Create Jointly Owned General Contracting Company - Delta North Alliance

(Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada – December 11, 2020) The Chair of the Gwich'in Development Corporation (GDC) and Gwich'in Tribal Council Grand Chief, Ken Smith, and Inuvialuit Development Corporation (IDC) Chair Patrick Gruben have completed and signed a Shareholders Agreement to form Delta North Alliance, a jointly owned general contracting company, to pursue work in areas of common interest in the Mackenzie Delta.

The Inuvialuit and Gwich'in of the Northwest Territories have long-standing relations as neighbours, friends, and family. There are many shared interests which includes economic prosperity. The Delta North Alliance is a vehicle to formalize this historic and ongoing partnership with the intention of allowing both the GDC and IDC to jointly benefit from large infrastructure projects in the region. In order to maximize the potential benefits, the Delta North Alliance is committed to utilizing existing capacity and expertise in the area while providing opportunities to expand the capabilities for their respective beneficiaries.

GDC Chair and Gwich'in Tribal Council Grand Chief Ken Smith stated, "Given the historic relationship between the Gwich'in and Inuvialuit, the Delta North Alliance is the next step in the evolution of our history and it makes good use of our collective strengths; I am happy to see this partnership develop over the past year and look forward to seeing it thrive in the years and decades to come."

IRC Chair & CEO Duane Ningaqsiq Smith mentioned that "implementing the Inuvialuit Final Agreement is our responsibility here at IRC and one core principle of the IFA is to enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society. An IDC partnership with the Gwich'in Development Corporation to form Delta North Alliance (DNA) will strengthen our collective rights and capacity to lead important infrastructure projects in our Region and together for our communities."

IDC Chair Patrick Gruben said, "With Inuvialuit Development Corporation's long and strategic commitment to economic development and regional employment, IDC is proud to secure a strong partnership with the readiness to meet challenges specific to our Regions. We are pleased to announce Delta North Alliance is now fully positioned for opportunity in the construction industry."

The Gwich'in Development Corporation is the business arm of its sole shareholder, the Gwich'in Tribal Council representing the collective interests of participants to the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement which was signed in 1992.

The Inuvialuit Development Corporation is the business arm of its sole shareholder, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, which represents the collective interests of its beneficiaries to the Inuvialuit Final Agreement which was signed in 1984.

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