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NEAS NAVIGATES NORTHWEST PASSAGE TO DELIVER SAVINGS FOR WESTERN ARCTIC COMMUNITIES

Iqaluit, NT / April 20, 2009 / - Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping (www.NEAS.ca) is pleased to announce that starting this 2009 season, customers in Nunavut's Kitikmeot region can now benefit from NEAS' reliable sealift services and significant cost savings.

"Beginning this season, NEAS will run a new route through the Northwest Passage and deliver significant savings for the people of the Kitikmeot region," said David Ell, NEAS' Director of Nunavut Marketing. "We are proud and excited to offer this new over-the-top sealift service for Western Arctic communities."

NEAS' Inuit-owned vessels, including the *MV AVATAQ*, *MV QAMUTIK*, and the *MV UMIYAVUT*, will navigate the Northwest Passage from the Eastern Arctic to service Western Arctic communities including Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, Taloyoak, and Gjoa Haven.

"This is a great time to be a NEAS customer", confirmed Paul Ghaleb, Vice President of Sales. "With our new Northwest Passage route we will deliver significant savings for the Kitikmeot region and with our new Thru-Rate from Winnipeg, Kivalliq customers also benefit from savings."

NEAS is a Nunavut Inuit majority owned company whose shareholders are Sakku Investments Corporation, Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, Makivik Corporation and Transport Nanuk Inc. NEAS is a pioneer of the Arctic trade. Each arctic sealift season, NEAS reliably delivers sealift, packaging and marshalling services for individuals, communities, businesses, government departments and agencies across Canada's Arctic. NEAS customers benefit from the convenience of end-to-end customer service, including the benefits of a One-Stop-Shop for arctic sealift services.

Rates are published on our website at <http://www.NEAS.ca>. For further information on our sealift services, call the NEAS sales team toll free 1 877 225 6327. We look forward to letting you know how NEAS can deliver better arctic sealift services for you.

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