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**PRESS RELEASE**

**MV Avataq completes deliveries and says “Thank you”**

- “The town of Igloolik and other customers in local communities across the Eastern Arctic received sealift orders last week after the MV Avataq, an Inuit owned multipurpose container vessel, completed its deliveries.
- “The vessel’s voyage is a timely reminder that marine navigation in Canada’s Arctic waters continues to be high risk with no safe anchorages. Safety has to become a #1 priority for all.

Iqaluit, October 19, 2009 – “The MV Avataq delivered her cargo for our customers,” said David Ell, a spokesperson for Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping (NEAS). “This was a difficult journey, but the team of professionals at NEAS worked with many stakeholders at the local and federal level to make this happen.”

NEAS thanks everybody who came together, including Brian Fleming and the Municipality of Igloolik; the Canadian Coast Guard, the Captain and crew of the MV Des Groseilliers; Environment Canada; the staff at Northern stores who provided daily photos of beach conditions; First Air who provided photos and weather observations; Nasittuq and the Department of National Defence, who were ready to assist in Hall Beach; the Captain and crew of the tug MV Ocean Delta; and the Captain and crew of the MV Avataq and every member of the team of professionals at Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping who came together and delivered the cargo for our customers in the extremes of Canada’s Arctic. At NEAS there is a difference.

Immediate need for safe and secure basic marine infrastructure in all local communities across Nunavut, including improved safety in harbours by providing mooring buoys, and safety on the beach with “kid safe” marine staging areas. Transportation is the backbone to economic development in the North. The season is short, the risks are high.

“Safety has to become everybody’s top priority,” said Suzanne Paquin, President and CEO, NEAS. “We look to the Premier of Nunavut Eva Aariak for leadership in making basic marine infrastructure for local communities a top priority for the GN, including in this Capital Plan.”

“Let’s begin with a new marine facility in Iqaluit,” said David Ell. “A safer marine operation is available, we just have to act.”

Each Arctic sealift season, which runs from July to November, NEAS reliably delivers sealift, container, packaging and marshalling services for individuals, local communities, businesses, housing authorities, construction projects, and government departments and agencies across the Arctic.

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