

(Nain, NL) September 7, 2007 – The Minister of Lands and Resources of the Nunatsiavut Government, William Barbour, has called on all mineral exploration companies to be sure that when they are planning or carrying out any exploration activity on Labrador Inuit Lands they comply fully with the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the Labrador Inuit Lands Act and the Exploration and Quarrying Standards on Labrador Inuit Lands. Mr. Barbour said “If the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the Exploration and Quarrying Standards or Inuit Laws governing access to Labrador Inuit Land are violated, there will be consequences.”

An exploration company carried out exploration activity on Labrador Inuit Lands earlier this summer without an approved work plan and has not complied with conditions for access to Labrador Inuit Land issued in 2006. As a consequence the Nunatsiavut Government has refused to approve further permit applications from the company concerned.

Minister Barbour wants exploration companies to know that the Nunatsiavut Government will take any contraventions into consideration when deciding whether or not it will approve an application for a Work Plan. Minister Barbour also said, “I want to remind exploration companies operating on Labrador Inuit Lands that the Nunatsiavut Government has the right to cancel an approved work plan if a company does not comply with the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the terms or conditions of an approved work plan or the conditions of access to Labrador Inuit Lands.”

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