

**(Nain, NL) August 1, 2006 –The Nunatsiavut Government expresses concern for its beneficiaries during the VBNC strike.**

The Nunatsiavut Government is concerned about the current strike at Voisey's Bay Nickel Company. Due to provisions of the Impacts and Benefits agreement between the company and the government, a very high percentage of VBNC workers on strike are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries.

The Nunatsiavut Government does not wish to get involved on either side of the strike, but hopes it will not continue for an extended period of time because of the negative impact it will have on beneficiaries and their families. The Nunatsiavut Government hopes that the union and the company can resolve their issues quickly and in fairness to all concerned.

Nunatsiavut Government came into effect on December 1, 2005, assuming authority from the former Labrador Inuit Association. It represents approximately 5,300 Inuit and Kablunângajuit of Labrador, and is responsible for advancing the aboriginal, constitutional, democratic, social and human rights of Labrador Inuit. **Contact:** Karen Prentice, Director of Communications, Tel: 709-922-2942 or [kprentice@nunatsiavut.com](mailto:kprentice@nunatsiavut.com)