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Premier Marois announces \$1 million for Maintenance of Nunavik Marine Infrastructure

Québec City, September 13, 2013 – During a tour of Nunavik on September 12 and 13, Québec Premier Pauline Marois announced \$1,050,000 in funding over three years to maintain marine infrastructure in the northern villages.

“Sealift activities are vital. Shipping is the most economical way to deliver non-perishable goods and other essential items to Nunavimmiut. It is paramount that this infrastructure be maintained to safeguard the \$90 million investment provided by both levels of government,” she said.

To ensure the full service life of marine infrastructure, the Québec Premier was pleased to announce \$200,000 in funding in 2013 and up to \$425,000 in both 2014 and 2015. She also pledged to continue government funding beyond 2015, provided that the federal government does its part.

To move the process forward, the Premier directed Alexandre Cloutier, Minister for Canadian Intergovernmental Affairs, the Canadian Francophonie and Sovereignist Governance and Minister responsible for the Nord-du-Québec region, to work with the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) to set up discussions with the federal government to reach a shared and sustainable funding arrangement, pursuant to the Sanarrutik Agreement.

“The involvement of both levels of government is necessary to ensure the funding of our marine infrastructure, which is essential to the practice of our traditional activities and the sealift in our communities,” stated KRG Chairperson Maggie Emudluk.

“We have invested \$45 million in the construction of marine infrastructure and additional sums for maintenance. We will continue to do our part but hope to reach an agreement with the federal government to keep this marine infrastructure in good condition,” concluded the Premier.

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