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Temporary Interim Chief Appointed to the KRPF

Kuujuuaq, Québec – October 31, 2008 – Yesterday, the Executive Committee of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) temporarily appointed Aileen McKinnon interim Chief of the Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF). Ms. McKinnon is a long-time member of the KRPF and prior to yesterday's appointment held the position of Assistant Deputy Chief of Operations.

Jobie Epoo, who had acted as interim Chief of the KRPF since September 2007, has been temporarily suspended with pay. The suspension was made following the receipt of information by the KRG from the internal affairs branch at the Sûreté du Québec concerning an incident involving Mr. Epoo. The seriousness of the information will be further investigated within the next few weeks so to favour a fair and reasonable final decision.

The KRG deeply regrets this situation, but immediate action was required to ensure the integrity of the chain of command at the KRPF and the continued smooth functioning of public security in the region.

The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel. The KRG administers public affairs in Nunavik in the areas of municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security and economic development.

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