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The 2014 Arctic Winter Games: Team Nunavik- Québec is ready!

Kuujuaq, Québec, March 14, 2014 – Nunavimmiut from communities across the region, representatives from Nunavik's organisations, sponsors, athletes, coaches and mission staff have gathered in Kuujuaq today to celebrate the departure of Team Nunavik-Québec (TNQ) to the 2014 Arctic Winter Games (AWG) in Fairbanks Alaska.

This year, Nunavik is sending its biggest delegation yet. A total of 62 athletes and 5 cultural performers have been selected to be part of TNQ and compete in six disciplines: Arctic sports, Badminton, Cross-country skiing, Dene games, Snowshoeing and Table tennis. They will be supported by 12 coaches, 2 officials and 7 mission staff members.

The making off TNQ began in 2012 with close to 200 athletes competing at the local level on both the Hudson and the Ungava Bay Coast, as well as at the Regional trials in 2013. For Nancianne Grey, their achievement is the result of hard work, positive attitude and proven commitment: 'These talented athletes are the best in Nunavik and I think we succeeded during the long and meticulous process in raising a delegation that will best represent our region and its culture', said the Chef de mission and Recreation Director for the Kativik Regional Government (KRG).

The TNQ Flag Bearer for the 2014 AWG will be multiple time AWG games participant Edua Jones, 29 years old, originally from Kuujuaq, currently residing in Inukjuak. Edua has distinguished himself in previous games, by winning three gold medals in Finger Pull and one silver medal in Long Push. He was also awarded two Fair Play pins and since the 2012 Arctic Winter Games he has been actively involved in several sporting events as assistant recreation coordinator for the Northern Village of Inukjuak.

'We are proud of our athletes and what they have achieved so far. Throughout the selection process they have shown outstanding team spirit, sportsmanship, fair play and desire to adopt a healthy and safe lifestyle.' declared KRG's Chairperson, Maggie Emudluk.

Team Nunavik-Québec would particularly like to thank Glencore Raglan Mine, Hydro-Québec, Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, Air Inuit, The Federation des Coopératives du Nouveau-

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Follow TNQ at the Arctic Winter Games by visiting their Facebook page, Team Nunavik-Quebec.

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The AWG is a biennial, international sports competition for athletes and cultural participants from Nunavik, Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, Yukon, northern Alberta, Greenland, Yamal (Russia) and Sapmi (Scandinavia).

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 in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.