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NTI Welcomes Federal Investment in Nunavut

(August 24, 2011 – Repulse Bay, Nunavut) Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. President Cathy Towtongie today said she welcomed Prime Minister Stephen Harper's announcement of a three-year pilot project to create a partnership to enhance the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines. The partnership, which comes with \$830,000 in funding, includes the Government of Nunavut, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, and the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines.

"Mining is, and will continue to be, a critical part of the Nunavut economy. Federal investment in the NWT and Nunavut Chamber of Mines will help ensure Nunavummiut are heard on issues which concern us, such as ensuring there is adequate funding of environmental reviews for mining projects," said Towtongie.

Towtongie also commended Prime Minister Harper's commitment to the Geomapping for Energy and Minerals Program.

"The continued investment in basic mapping of Nunavut, which lags far behind other Canadian jurisdictions, is critical for the future economic development of the territory," said Towtongie.

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