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Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Notes Historic Day and Pride in the work QIA has accomplished

(August 1, 2019 – Iqaluit, NU) Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated notes the historic day and pride in the work of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) for their accomplishment in negotiating and signing the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement (IIBA) for Tallurutiup Imanga and the interim protection for Tuvajjuttuq.

"This is a demonstration of government and Inuit working together for the betterment of our people, our country and the world. This is no small feat," President Aluki Kotierk applauded. "With these agreements, Inuit are recognized as net contributors to knowledge and conservation as well."

QIA demonstrated how Inuit having an intimate relationship with our environment is good for all of us Canadians. The land sustains us, water provides life and knowledge of our environment is essential for survival. "President PJ Akeeagok and QIA's vision to transform our communities to bring the government to a place of understanding in Inuit knowledge and values is the testament for your tremendous investment, Nakurmiik/Thank you," added President Kotierk.

This IIBA is made possible because of the Nunavut Agreement. The vision to constitutionally protect the waters and ice of our Arctic began since the 1960's and is becoming realized today. The Nunavut Agreement recognizes that the land is the basis of our wellness and prosperity.

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