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\$4.2 million investment in Northern Québec

19 NEW HOUSING UNITS FOR THE NORTHERN VILLAGE OF KANGIQSUALUJUAQ

Kangiqsualujuaq, June 21, 2011 – The Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ), the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) and the Kativik Municipal Housing Bureau (KMHB) officially inaugurated the Kangiqsualujuaq multifunctional centre today. This new centre offers 19 housing units for the elderly, the disabled and people in difficulty. With a price tag of over \$4 million, the project was financed by the SHQ and the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

The ceremony was attended by Geoffrey Kelley, Minister in charge of Aboriginal Affairs, Dominique Vien, Minister of Social Services Minister, SHQ CEO John MacKay and KMHB Vice-President Peter Angnatuk.

“This multifunctional community centre expands the range of services available to the aging population of the village of Kangiqsualujuaq. It's an initiative I'm very proud of, and one that will have positive repercussions for the well-being of the entire community,” declared Minister Kelley.

As Minister Vien explained, “Under one roof, this institution provides care for people with mild or medium loss of autonomy that is related to ageing or who are suffering from the consequences of an accident. Residents can stay in a safe environment that is adapted to their needs and be treated by the CLSC.”

John MacKay, the CEO of the SHQ, emphasized the importance of the project for the community. “This fantastic initiative will unquestionably improve housing conditions and quality of life for the people in this village. The SHQ is proud to encourage projects like this one that meet real needs in a community and benefit all the people who live there.”

The opening of this centre fulfils part of the village's housing needs. With its 19 housing units, which will be managed by the KMHB, this centre provides a response to the challenges arising from the aging of the population and the growing number of people facing a loss of autonomy and offers these people a safe, suitable environment.

The SHQ's mandate is to ensure that all Quebecers have access to suitable housing conditions. For more information on the SHQ's programs and services, go to www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca.

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