



Innu Mikun Airlines

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Landmark Agreement for Air Services in Quebec

Goose Bay, Labrador , February 9, 2009– Innu Mikun Airlines announced today that it has reached an agreement with the Innu Band Council of La Romaine and St. Augustin, Quebec on the provision of air services to North Shore communities in Quebec, beginning on Monday the 9th of March, 2009.

The agreement was ratified by Tom Randell Innu Mikun Airlines Managing Director, Chief Guy Bellefleur of La Bande de Unamen Shipi of La Romaine and Chief Christiane Lalo of La Bande de Pakua Shipi of St. Augustine.

Chief Guy Bellefleur stated “As chief of La Romaine I am very happy to have concluded this agreement with the Innu of Labrador. This cooperative partnership will set an example for future generations that it is possible to work together on business opportunities within Labrador and Quebec.”

“I am really pleased with the agreement that will stimulate future economic development and the employment in our community.” noted Chief Christiane Lalo. “I believe that all of the people of the Quebec North Shore are going to be served better by Innu Mikun Airlines.”

Paul Rich Co-CEO of IED Enterprises stated that “The Innu will strive to work with other communities to help and partner with them, that is our role and mandate; to pursue and be participants on projects within our territories”.

The airline will provide daily service to North Shore communities in Quebec. Utilizing a Provincial Airlines Saab 340 aircraft with 31 seats, the flights will include full in-flight service, and daily connections to and from Montreal through Provincial Airlines. This new service will commence March 9th, 2009 and will service the communities of Sept Iles, Natashuan, La Romaine, St. Augustine, and Blanc Sablon.

“This new contract will see Innu Mikun add approximately 15 new full-time employees to a workforce that has experienced significant growth in the past several months,” noted Tom Randell, Managing Director of Innu Mikun Airlines.

Brian Chafe, Provincial Airlines Chief Operating Officer added. “We developed a strong business relationship with the Innu of Labrador and their communities and are looking forward to a bright future with the Innu of Quebec as a partner and expansion of service to the North Shore of Quebec.”

Innu Mikun Airlines is based in Goose Bay and is a joint venture between Innu Economic Development and Provincial Airlines.

With 35 years in the aviation industry, Provincial Airlines is the largest commercial air carrier in eastern Canada, proudly serving 16 communities within Newfoundland, Labrador, and Quebec.

Its parent company Provincial Aerospace is one of the largest in the province with approximately 650 employees. In addition to its headquarters in St. John's, which comprises four facilities, the company has operations in Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Quebec and stations at 14 airports across the country. It also has business operations in over 30 countries worldwide.

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