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Gwich'in announce new business joint venture

Inuvik, NWT – Chief Charles Furlong, President of Nehtr'uh Development Group Inc. (Nehtr'uh), announced the establishment of a major joint venture agreement with EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.

Nehtr'uh Development Group Inc. is a Gwich'in controlled Corporation, owned by Nihtat Gwich'in Development Corporation and Daazraii Investments Inc. Nehtr'uh was established to provide environmental and engineering consulting, business consulting and development services within the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA).



Chief Furlong stated “We are responding to industry’s call to have world class environmental and engineering services companies that can respond to industry’s needs, while responding to our people who want jobs, training and business opportunities in the Gwich'in Settlement Region related to oil and gas exploration and development.” Furlong stated: “The work near Gwich'in communities will be done by local Gwich'in individuals and businesses, wherever possible.”

EBA is a Canadian company founded in 1966. The company’s Yellowknife Office was established in 1988 and is registered with the Government of the Northwest Territories as a northern resident firm. EBA has been involved with environmental, geotechnical and engineering studies related to most of the oil and gas exploration and development activities, pipeline projects, granular resource studies, northern roads and airports, and many of the mining developments that have taken place in the Western Arctic since the late 1960’s.

During the late 1980’s and early 1990’s, EBA completed numerous studies in the Mackenzie Delta and along the Mackenzie Valley for the oil industry, proposed pipeline projects and the federal/territorial governments. EBA presently has offices in Yellowknife, Whitehorse, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and other locations in western Canada.

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Derek Cathro, M.Eng. P.Eng., Vice President, Arctic Services for EBA, stated that “EBA is very pleased to continue developing joint ventures with aboriginal groups along the Mackenzie Valley corridor. This joint venture with the Gwich'in is an exciting step forward in our long term relationship with northern energy development and providing training, jobs and business opportunities to northern aboriginal people”

Richard Hoos, M.Sc., R.P.Bio., EBA's Senior Environmental Director, Arctic Services, will be working closely with Ron Gartshore, B.Sc., Vice President and General Manager of Nehtr'uh Development Group Inc., Inuvik. “Many people in the north remember Richard from his years of experience working on energy development,” Chief Furlong said. “Richard has trained many northerners who are in the environmental and engineering fields in the Northwest Territories today and he will help train our Gwich'in people,” Furlong said.

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