

NPV/NCV BACKGROUND BRIEFING

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. You will have read the statement made by the Minister of National Defence and the Secretary of State for External Affairs in which they announced that the Government of Canada is:

- * - granting consent for British and American military nuclear powered vessels to pass through Canadian waters and visit designated Canadian ports.

- * - granting consent to British and American military vessels that are capable of carrying nuclear weapons to pass through Canadian waters and visit Canadian ports.

- * - granting consent for American nuclear powered submarines to pass submerged through Canadian waters in the Dixon Entrance on their way to a U.S. Navy acoustic testing facility in Alaska.