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New QINIQ Network Goes Live December 11th!

Residents in communities across all of Nunavut will soon benefit from significant improvements to their QINIQ Internet services, thanks to collaboration between the Government of Canada, Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation (NBDC), and the operator of the QINIQ network, SSi Micro Ltd.

For almost three months, SSi 's technicians have been travelling to the communities, upgrading base stations, installing new hardware, tuning satellite dishes and conducting routine maintenance. On December 11th the upgrades will be completed and the new network will go live! The new more efficient QINIQ system means:

- More bandwidth to support more customers
- Improvements in speed, especially during busy hours
- The ability for users to move more data
- Fewer outages

As well, SSi has increased the speed and usage on basic accounts by 50% at no additional charge. For more information, see http://www.qiniq.com/christmas-story.

The Government of Canada and SSi each invested $750,000 to introduce the latest technology. This amount is in addition to the $9.33 million invested by the Government of Canada towards the purchase of more satellite bandwidth in the territory. This investment will be matched by SSi and customer revenue for a total of over $18.5 million to be used by June of 2012. These specific investments are part of the larger Infrastructure II project and make it possible for the QINIQ network to provide affordable Internet access to an increased number of subscribers totaling up to 6800 by the end of fiscal year 2012-2013. Beyond that period, additional bandwidth support will be required.