



Nunavut Sealink & Supply Inc. (NSSI) serves four communities in the **Kitikmeot Region**

The Kitikmeot Region is located in the heart of the Canadian Arctic in the extreme west of Nunavut Territory. It mainly includes the Inuit Communities of Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Kugluktuk and Taloyoak, which are traditionally serviced by barges, from Hay River, through the McKenzie system, with staging and transfer operations in certain cases.

For the first time this year, NSSI has served these communities exit Montreal; and the delivery of cargo was completed in early September 2008. The eleven-day circuit in the Kitikmeot Region was a historic event for our NSSI / DTI team, for *Groupe Desgagnés*, as well as for our partners and the clients whom we served. It was a great success in the technical and commercial terms. Not only because the onset of the voyage was from Montreal, or because of the Northwest Passage crossing, but because this inaugural sealift service was accomplished during and within our regular sealift season; and we will continue to serve these communities every year.

During her regular voyage in August 2008, *M/V Camilla Desgagnés* visited the above mentioned communities following her initial scheduled destinations in the High Arctic on the Baffin Land. The ship started her extended circuit from Resolute Bay, and has travelled through the Peel Sound, thus engaging the Northwest Passage to access the Kitikmeot Region. The return of the *Camilla Desgagnés* was done through the Strait of Bellot and the Prince Regent Inlet, to end in Nanisivik. A copy of the itinerary is provided in attachment.

Moreover, Mr. Ramon Gutierrez, reporter of a French TV program on sea stories, called «*Thalassa*», and his cameraman, Mr. Christophe Bazille, accompanied the team onboard for the whole duration of this special inaugural trip. They came all the way from France to witness and to document our company making history by sailing through the Northwest Passage, to render its services to our new regular clients.

We propose that you watch the «*Thalassa*» episode on this inaugural voyage of the *M/V Camilla Desgagnés* through the Northwest Passage into the Kitikmeot, which will be airing on TV5 on a Friday, in early January 2009.

Map indicating the path of the *M/V Camilla Desgagnés*, during her historic inaugural trip to the Kitikmeot in September 2008, delivering cargo from Montreal through the Northwest Passage.

