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## **Nunavut Housing Corporation to Purchase 22 Modular Units from Sakku Innovative Building Solutions**

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (June 6, 2023)** – Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC) announces the purchase agreement with Sakku Innovative Building Solutions (SIBS) for 22 modular units to help accelerate housing construction and Inuit participation in the local supply chain. NCC Development Limited (NCCD) will complete the installation of the modular units once they arrive in the communities.

Approximately two-thirds of the units will be delivered to Arviat, Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake, Arctic Bay, Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak and Cambridge Bay. They will be used as temporary accommodations for NCCD construction workers who are building 132 new public housing units in these seven (7) communities.

Additionally, eight (8) units will be purchased for Sanirajak, Kinngait, Sanikiluaq and Pangnirtung, where the Department of Family Services (DFS) will use the units to help address critical needs such as transitional housing or housing for DFS critical staff. NHC will work closely with DFS to develop a plan for these units prior to their arrival in communities.

The modular units will remain NHC assets until they are no longer needed for temporary construction worker accommodations. NHC will then reprofile the modular units for use as either affordable rental units, transitional units (or shelters), and/or DFS targeted units.

“While NHC will continue to engage the market through standard design-build and design-bid-build delivery models, we are excited about the opportunity to purchase 22 affordable, pre-built housing units from SIBS, an Inuit-owned company, for delivery in the summer of 2023,” says Juanie Pudluk, Associate President, Nunavut Housing Corporation. “Expanding the housing supply in Nunavut’s communities as quickly as possible is a priority for NHC. These modular units meet all code requirements, including fire resistance, and are insulated for Nunavut’s environment.”

“We’re excited that SIBS will play this role as we work toward the important goals of Nunavut 3000,” said David Kakuktinniq, President and CEO of Sakku Investments Corporation. “We sincerely believe SIBS is a significant step in the right direction to help tackle the lack of housing and Inuit employment in the construction industry. After the Arviat facility opens, SIBS homes will be constructed by Inuit, for Inuit. And that is a winning formula for home-grown success and pride.”

The total turnkey cost for the fully furnished units will be in the range of \$600 per square foot; however, this cost will be further reduced by the value of temporary accommodations NHC would have normally paid for the construction of the 132 public housing units. The new pilot initiative represents



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one of the exciting new approaches to achieving Igluliuqatigiingniq/Nunavut 3000's ambitious goal of delivering 3000 new units across the housing continuum by 2030.

For more information about the Nunavut 3000 Strategy, please visit, [www.igluliuqatigiingniq.ca](http://www.igluliuqatigiingniq.ca)

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## Backgrounder: Sakku Innovative Building Solutions

Sakku Innovative Building Solutions (SIBS) is majority owned by Sakku Investments Corporation, the economic development arm of the Kivalliq Inuit Association. Sakku uses its unique strengths as a birthright corporation to create new opportunities for Inuit ownership, training, employment and local business growth.

The SIBS Manufacturing Facility and Training Centre, now under construction in Arviat, will employ Inuit workers and apprentices who will be exposed to multiple trades, control systems and production methods as they develop their construction skills and certificates. Trainees will work under mentorship year-round in a heated, bright modern facility. The building will be well-equipped for learning, with seminar rooms and dedicated training spaces within the manufacturing areas.

The Arviat facility is slated to open in 2025 and expects to produce at least 35 modular homes in the first year of operation. SIBS' employment goal is about 40 staff, including 10 tradespeople, 15 apprentices and various other supporting positions from managers to office workers. Together, they will build quality housing units, designed to align with Inuit values and Arctic conditions.

While the Arviat facility is under construction, NHC's 22 modular units will be manufactured at the Quebec plant of SIBS' joint venture partner, RG Solution, with finishing touches added by the NCC Development Limited team.

As Nunavut's first Inuit-owned and Inuit-led modular housing construction company, SIBS is helping Inuit gain the necessary skills, certifications and work experience to pursue good-paying employment in the construction sector. In this way, SIBS will help to build a skilled, well-rounded Inuit workforce that can be accessed by the larger construction sector.