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ST PAUL ISLAND EXCITED BY NORTHERN AIR CARGO'S NEW ALL REGULAR SERVICE

(Anchorage) – Ron Philemonoff, CEO of Tanadgusix Corporation (TDX), the Village Corporation of St. Paul Island, expressed appreciation and thanks to Northern Air Cargo for their decision to begin regular air cargo service between Anchorage and St Paul Island. Beginning November 18 Northern Air Cargo will fly a Monday / Thursday schedule with their 737-200 jet aircraft.

The announcement by NAC concludes several months of meetings and requests by island leadership to resume service to the St Paul. Philemonoff noted that the effort was led by Tribal Leader, Mike Zacharof, who, along with TDX, has long sought a resumption of jet service to the island that ended in 2002 due to economic issues. Since that time this remote Aleut village in the Bering Sea has been serviced by small aircraft which has limited the type and amount of cargo that can be handled.

“Many basic necessities could not be flown into the community,” Philemonoff continued. “We had to plan months in advance so items could be barged in from Seattle. We also had no way to grow export markets for our fresh seafood products. Solving these problems has been a major focus for TDX and the village. We worked with the State for many years planning and improving our runway and landing aids to support larger aircraft. Now, we look forward to benefitting from the new transportation option NAC is bringing to St. Paul.”

David Karp, NAC President and CEO, is equally pleased with the new service stating “the Northern Air Cargo family is thrilled to be returning to St. Paul. We are happy to have finally found a service model that works for both the company and the community.” Karp also noted that the Boeing 737-200F aircraft with its large cargo doors is ideally suited to service to St Paul. This feature provides the capability to move a mix of containerized and a larger cargo.

For residents, regular air cargo service means improved mail and banking services as well as a much greater selection of household, business and food items, especially fruit, vegetables, dairy products and other perishables. NAC has demonstrated its ability in the past to keep frozen products frozen, and fresh products fresh while in transit.

Another benefit of the new NAC service will be shareholder hire. Philemonoff stated that negotiations are in progress for TDX to provide ground handling and cargo agent services. "We have hired local airline industry veteran Laura Lestenkof to be our representative at the NAC office, and Jason Bourdukofsky will be working with NAC officials to insure that our ground handling team is well-trained in cargo operations, safety and hazardous materials movement.

Philemonoff noted that the local fishing industry would also benefit from improved air cargo service. "Because St Paul Island is a hub for mid-winter Bering Sea fishing fleets," Philemonoff stated, "the availability of air freight service makes it possible to quickly ship fresh seafood to mainland markets. That is why TDX and the community of St. Paul are seriously considering getting back into the live crab and fresh halibut markets to take advantage of the back haul capability of the bigger, faster, longer range NAC jet cargo planes."

Philemonoff concluded by saying, "I encourage everyone within our shareholder community to always request 'Ship it on NAC' when ordering from suppliers in the State. The upcoming holiday season will provide a good demonstration of how our quality of life can benefit from reliable mainline jet cargo service."

Julie Shane, TDX Board member summed it all up by saying, "We've got some of the most exotic birds in the Pacific on St Paul, but nothing is prettier than a '737 cargo bird' coming into town!" Well put Julie. For more information about NAC services, call 800-727- 2141.

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