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**First SuperGreen House to be Unveiled in Watson Lake**

WHITEHORSE – Construction of the first SuperGreen homes in Yukon is now substantially complete, Minister responsible for Yukon Housing Corporation (YHC) Jim Kenyon announced today.

“With SuperGreen, Yukon Housing introduced the most energy efficient construction standards in the country,” Kenyon said. “The leading edge design will help Yukoners reduce their energy consumption and their impact on the environment.”

The two new houses, located in Watson Lake, will serve as staff housing units as early as January 2009. The units represent the new YHC SuperGreen standard of construction in Yukon, which includes, among other features, superior insulation of the home. SuperGreen calls for an advanced framing design, including a 16-inch thick uninterrupted blanket of insulation in the walls, as well as increased insulation in the attic and under the structures' foundations.

Both houses have an EnerGuide rating of 87, which is unprecedented in Canada for a single detached house of this size, without incorporating any alternative energy inputs.

Yukoners are invited to view the new construction technology and learn more about the design during a community open house hosted by the Watson Lake Housing Advisory Board on December 17. The event will be held in the new house at 205 Simpson Drive from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

“Yukon is leading the country in terms of energy efficient construction technology – that's something of which we can all be very proud,” Kenyon added. “Now all Yukoners have an opportunity to tour the prototype of our new design.”

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