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Inuit Leaders and Partners Celebrate Grand Opening of Nunavut's First Modular Housing Factory in Arviat

Inuit-owned facility now in operation building high-quality housing by Inuit, for Inuit

ARVIAT, Nunavut — September 29, 2026 — Leaders from across Inuit Nunangat, federal and territorial governments gathered in Arviat today to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new SIBS modular housing factory, marking a historic milestone for Inuit-led housing, manufacturing, employment, and workforce development in Nunavut.

The new 64,500-square-foot facility is Nunavut's first modular housing factory and first-ever large-scale manufacturing operation. Driven by the vision of the Kivalliq Inuit Association, the factory is 100% Inuit-owned through Sakku Properties and will be operated by SIBS, a joint venture between Sakku Investments and RG Solution, a Quebec-based modular manufacturing expert.

Built to respond directly to the North's housing and workforce challenges, SIBS will produce high-quality, high-performance modular housing designed for Arctic conditions and Inuit traditional lifestyles. The facility will support year-round homebuilding and hands-on trades training in a safe, controlled indoor environment, reducing reliance on imported labour and helping ensure more of the economic benefits of home construction remain in the region.

SIBS officially launched production on September 23, 2026 with a 93% Inuit workforce. Three of five production cells are currently in operation. At full capacity, the factory is expected to build 40 housing units per year, employ more than 40 full-time staff in Arviat, and support more than 100 additional indirect jobs related to transportation, installation, and finishing work in communities across the region, creating a broader local business ecosystem.

"The Kivalliq Inuit Association is proud to see this vision become reality in Arviat," said Kono Tattuinee, President of the Kivalliq Inuit Association. "SIBS will create meaningful employment, strengthen Inuit participation in the construction industry, and help ensure that housing investments generate long-term benefits for Kivallirmiut."

The factory's dual mission is to support both homebuilding and workforce development. Training and skills development will focus on key trades and competencies including carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanics, and cabinet assembly. Training and experience gained in the factory will support Inuit employment and skills development for long-term participation in Nunavut's construction industry.

"This is an important step toward Inuit self-determination in housing," said Gloria Uluqsi, President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. "When we invest in housing, we should also be investing in Inuit. SIBS will create homes, jobs, skills and opportunities that will stay here in Nunavut. I congratulate the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Sakku Investments Corporation and everyone who worked to make this vision a reality."

"I am so excited to see Nunavut's first housing factory reach this milestone achievement," said the Hon. John Main, Premier of Nunavut. "Today's Grand Opening is about more than a new

facility, it is about Inuit leadership, local jobs, and practical, northern-made solutions to some of the most urgent challenges facing our communities."

"The grand opening of this facility reflects the strength of Inuit-led solutions that respond to community needs and priorities," said the Honourable Rebecca Chartrand, Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor). "SIBS is creating new housing, jobs, skills training, and lasting economic opportunities for Nunavut. Supporting projects like this demonstrates the Government of Canada's ongoing commitment to expanding access to safe, affordable, and inclusive housing across Canada. Congratulations on this milestone event."

"Congratulations on this achievement, which helps address two important priorities in Nunavut: increasing housing availability and expanding skilled training opportunities," said Lori Idlout, Member of Parliament for Nunavut. "This project reflects the innovation, leadership, and determination of Inuit organizations working to meet the unique needs of their communities. The Government of Canada is proud to support initiatives that increase housing supply, strengthen local capacity, and contribute to a more resilient and prosperous Nunavut."

The Arviat factory is designed to produce a range of housing options, including single-family homes, multiplexes, and commercial spaces. Modules will be constructed indoors year-round, helping maximize Nunavut's short summer construction season for on-site installation.

"This Grand Opening is a proud moment for Sakku, for Arviat, and for the Kivalliq region," said Dino Bruce, Chairperson of Sakku Investments Corporation. "SIBS is rooted in a simple but powerful idea: high-quality housing built by Inuit, for Inuit. We are building more than modules, we are building careers, tangible skills, and a stronger regional economy."

"Arviat is honoured and humbled to be home to this historic facility," said Joe Savikataaq Jr., Mayor of Arviat. "The SIBS factory brings jobs, training, and new opportunity to our community, while helping address the housing needs of families across the region. This is a day our community will remember with pride."

The Grand Opening comes during a transformative period for Arviat and the Kivalliq region, with major Inuit-led investments advancing in housing, education, infrastructure, clean energy, transportation, and economic development. Alongside SIBS, Arviat will soon be home to the main campus of the new Inuit Nunangat University, now under development by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. Together, these initiatives are creating new opportunities, supporting sustainable growth, and building long-term prosperity for Inuit communities.

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About Sakku Investments Corporation: Sakku Investments Corporation is the development corporation of the Kivalliq Inuit Association, advancing Inuit-owned business, partnerships, and economic development opportunities for the benefit of Kivallirmiut. Sakku is focused on building long-term prosperity through investments that support Inuit self-determination, workforce development, community infrastructure, and sustainable regional growth.

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