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**North Star Air to open new hangar in Thompson, MB**  
*New facility at Thompson Airport will facilitate continued airline expansion*

**Winnipeg, MB, August 17, 2018** – North Star Air (NSA) plans to officially open its new \$5.5 million hangar and warehouse project at YTH Thompson Airport on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> with a ribbon cutting ceremony commencing at noon. The new facility will support the airline's ongoing fleet and route expansion.

“The new 15,000 square foot facility provides us with a strategic location for long-distance shipping to our northern customers. The Thompson base is NSA’s first base outside of Ontario and will serve all of Northern Manitoba along with the Kivalliq and Qikiqtaaluk Regions of Nunavut.” said Frank Kelner, President, NSA.

Details of the grand opening ceremony are as follows:

**WHAT:** NSA Thompson Hangar and Warehouse Grand Opening

**WHERE:** Lot 13, North Hangar Road. Thompson, MB

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 18, 2018: Noon to 4 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONY:** Noon – Opening remarks and ribbon-cutting

**EVENT DETAILS:** Charitable barbecue, Charity Plane Pull, Children’s Entertainment, Door Prizes

“We have a proven track record of providing reliable service to over 50 remote northern communities throughout Canada and this new location will further enhance our ability to service our customers. In addition, we have hired 25 full-time staff for the Thompson base.” added Mr. Kelner.

### **About NSA and North West**

NSA was founded in 1997 and acquired by The North West Company Inc. in June 2017. It has grown rapidly over the past three years and today operates a fleet of 16 aircraft with 180 plus dedicated employees servicing over 50 remote Northern communities.

The North West Company Inc., through its subsidiaries, is a leading retailer of food and everyday products and services to rural communities and urban neighbourhoods in Canada, Alaska, the South Pacific and the Caribbean. North West operates 237 stores under the trading names Northern, NorthMart, Giant Tiger, AC Value Center, Cost-U-Less and RiteWay Food Markets and has annualized sales of approximately CAD\$2.0 billion. The common shares of North West trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “NWC”.



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