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Atanarjuat gets standing ovation at Cannes

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Nunatsiag News

IGLOOIT — Success is sweet, especially when it includes an unobstructed view of boats sailing the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea, as seen from the fifth-story balcony of the Grand Hotel in Cannes, France during the prestigious Cannes Film Festival.

This year's festival darlings are the members of Igloolik Isuma Productions for their ground-breaking feature film *Atanarjuat*.

"Zacharias and myself are mixing our time between talking to a steady stream of journalists and festival events," cinematographer Norman Cohn said while basking in the warm glow of adulation. "We probably do eight to 10 interviews a day."

Atanarjuat earned a standing ovation last Sunday after the three-hour film was screened a second time that day for an audience of about 600 festival insiders, and cinemaphiles.

Speaking through *Nunatsiag News* interpreter-translator Jeannie Katsak last Tuesday afternoon, director Zacharias Kunuk said the attention that his film is receiving is astounding, considering that it's one of only 46 films selected out of 1,798 eligible entries from 76 countries.

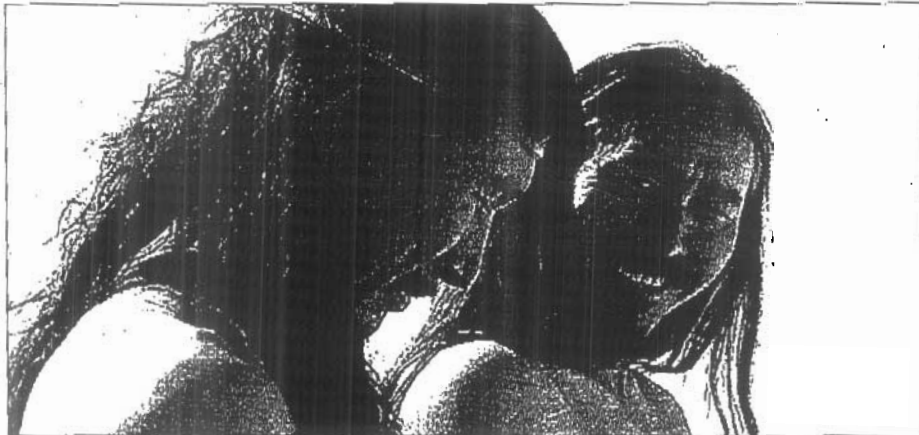
But Kunuk's fellow visionary Cohn says he and Kunuk are taking the intense attention with a big pinch of salt, a skill they had to hone while struggling for more than three years to get their work taken seriously by the Canadian film industry.

"We're pretty tough nuts, we're not softies in soft skins. We're in a revolutionary activity and we know you get beat up along the way even if you're successful," Cohn said.

"But it's a lot easier when people are happier to hear from us, than when they're going out of their way to try and marginalize whatever it is that we have to say," he continued. "There's a lot of opportunism in the world and in this industry."

"I don't take it any more seriously that they love us than I did when I thought they were ignoring us."

Kunuk is in the running against first-time filmmakers



Natar Ungalaaq and Pakak Inuksuk. (FILE PHOTO)

such as the popular American actor, Jennifer Jason Leigh, for the Camera d'Or, which will be awarded on Sunday. The Camera d'Or is awarded to the most promising director whose film is featured in the *Un Certain Regard* category.

Cohn says the prize isn't only given for the best directorial debut, but also to a director who members of the adjudication committee believe will become a force within the film industry.

But even if Kunuk loses, Cohn says the Isuma team will leave Cannes confident they're among the best in the world of those who have mastered the digital film medium.

"There's a lot of lousy films here," Cohn explained.

"Zach and I were on a panel with the guru of digital film-

making, Peter Broderick... I think there are four or five higher profile films that were shot digitally, including the film directed by Jennifer Jason Leigh."

"Most people here who are talking about digital film now are just talking about it for the first time, because they're discovering digital video for the first time," Cohn reflected. "There are a lot of people here discovering Zach and me for the first time, but neither of us nor digital fell out of the sky in the year 2001."

"We're ahead of the curve — in terms of cinema."

Last year, *Dancer in the Dark* by Danish film-maker Lars von Trier was the first digital film to win the highly-covered Palme d'Or award.

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Nunavut Water Board
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF NEW APPLICATION

Kennecott Canada Exploration Inc.

Article 13.3.14: Nunavut Land Claims Agreement

Notice is given that Kennecott Canada Exploration Inc. filed a new application for a licence to the NUNAVUT WATER BOARD (NWB) under the provisions of the NLCA, Article 13, to use water or deposit of waste into water for the following project:

File #: NWB28RO
Project: Brodeur Project
Location: Latitude: 72°20' - 73°45';
Longitude: 85° - 90°.

Purpose: Prospecting

This application has been reviewed by NPC for conformity with the appropriate land use plan and is currently being screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). It will be processed by NWB once NIRB completes its determination. The NWB shall then hold a public hearing before approving these applications, but it may waive this requirement if no public concerns are expressed.

Any person who is affected by or concerned with the application is asked to submit written comments before June 1, 2001 to:

Licensing Administrator
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut X0B 1J0
Tel.: (867) 360-6338 Fax: (867) 360-6369
E-mail: rbacker@polarnet.ca

Copies of all application documents may be obtained free of charge by contacting:

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Kennecott Canada Exploration Inc.
Tel.: (804) 669-1880 Fax: (804) 668-5255
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Failure to file a written statement may affect the right to later intervene, file a notice, or appear before the Nunavut Water Board.



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF RENEWAL APPLICATION

Cominco Ltd., Exploration

Article 13.3.14: Nunavut Land Claims Agreement

Notice is given that Cominco Ltd., Exploration filed a renewal application for their current licence to the NUNAVUT WATER BOARD (NWB) under the provisions of the NLCA, Article 13, to use water or deposit of waste into water for the following project:

File #: NWBREL0001
Project: Ellesmere Island
Location: Latitude: 79°52';
Longitude: 71°30'.

Purpose: Surface reconnaissance mineral exploration

This application has been reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for conformity with the appropriate land use plan. The application is currently being screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and will be processed by the NWB once the NIRB completes its determination. The NWB shall then hold a public hearing before approving these applications, but it may waive this requirement if no public concerns are expressed.

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E-mail: rbacker@polarnet.ca

Copies of all application documents may be obtained, free of charge, by contacting:

Michael Gunning, Cominco Ltd.
Tel.: (804) 685-3057 Fax: (804) 685-3069
E-mail: mike.gunning@cominco.com

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