

New corporation for Kuparuk center

A newly-formed Native corporation has signed a contract with the North Slope Borough for monitoring the design and construction of the Kuparuk Industrial Center, a service base for contractors and suppliers working the Kuparuk River oil field.

The contract was announced by Rex Okakok, president of Piquiniq Management Corporation.

The incorporation of Piquiniq is the result of an agreement

between the North Slope Borough and ARCO last March, setting the groundwork for establishment of the Kuparuk Industrial Center, in which the two parties have agreed to support the awarding of the initial management contract to a consortium of Native groups.

The consortium includes the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (the Barrow village corporation); and the Pingo Corporation (in join venture of

six North Slope village corporations.)

Construction of Kuparuk Industrial Center, financed through bonds issued by the NSB, is under way, and is slated for completion in mid-1984. The \$74 million base will provide utilities, housing, warehouse and office space and supply and servicing facilities for firms supplying materials and support services to oil field operators.