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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Chad Corson:

RE: NPC File No. 150608 [Temporary Water Use Without a License Conformity Determination - Chidliak Winter Trail]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. AMENDMENT to approved mineral exploration activities: Temporary use of waters for construction of winter trail to the Chidliak project.
 - a. Route permitted under existing licences and authorizations.
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 70 days over period 1 February to 15 May 2025
 - b. 10 personnel for a total of 700 person-days
3. Summary of proposed modification:
 - a. Withdrawal of freshwater from lakes along the route to increase thickness and improve safety of winter trail

4. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148195, 148386, 148874, 148977, 149954, and 150308
5. Associated NIRB File No.: 11EA050
6. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Iqaluit to Chidliak Project, approximately 160 km in length]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, the latest being on 21 March 2024. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 11EA050).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the temporary use of waters does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150608>.

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits, and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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