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Dear Mr. Clark, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Pickard:

RE: NPC File # 148419 Back River Project

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

1. Mine Development: In the process of permitting the proposed Back River Project
2. Scientific Research: Baseline studies could include the following components:
 - a. Site-specific meteorological data collection
 - b. Site-specific air quality data collection
 - c. Site-specific deep groundwater sampling
 - d. Site-specific permafrost data collection
 - e. Surface hydrology and bathymetric data collection
 - f. Freshwater sampling for water, sediment, and aquatic biology
 - g. Freshwater fish and fish habitat sampling
 - h. Marine sampling for water, sediment, and aquatic biology
 - i. Marine fish and fish habitat sampling
 - j. Soil sampling
 - k. Wildlife and wildlife habitat (vegetation) sampling

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3. Associated NPC File No. 148294: 2016 Back River Project

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 07YN030). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was part of the original proposal and its inclusion is not a significant modification of the project.

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:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148419&sessionid=>

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) 983-4634.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alana Vigna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alana Vigna
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