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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. Pugh, Ms. Osmond, Ms. Pelletier, Ms. Patreau, Ms. Boss, Ms. LeBlanc, Mr. Gillis, Mr. Vanengen:

RE: NPC File # 148297 Whale Tail Pit Project - Meadowbank Division

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

1. Mine development – development of an open pit mine on the Amaruq Exploration property, located approximately 50 km from the existing Meadowbank mine.

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2. All-weather road access – ore would be hauled by truck to Meadowbank mine for milling. This would entail widening the existing exploration access road.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, including the Meadowbank mine (conformity determination issued July 12, 2002 and July 21, 2003), Amaruq exploration (conformity determination issued March 10, 2011 and October 21, 2015) and an access road (conformity determination issued July 16, 2015). All of these conformity determinations still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 03MN107, 11EN010).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project, as its purpose is to establish a mining operation in a previously unconsidered location, as well as an access road to this new site. The project proposal conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP), subject to the attached conformity requirements from the KRLUP that are applicable to the project proposal.

The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. By this letter and additional enclosures, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148297&sessionid=

The applicant has undertaken to comply with the attached conformity requirements. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the attached requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licences, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licences, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the attached requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 857-2242.

Sincerely,

Peter Scholz Senior Planner,

Nunavut Planning Commission