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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Osmond, Ms. Turmel:

RE: NPC File # 148394 Amaruq Exploration Access Road - Additional Quarry Amendment Application

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

1. Establishment of six additional quarry sites for the construction and maintenance of the approved Amaruq Road.

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 completed its review of the above noted proposed amendment.

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, modified file 148297 June 17 2016). 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 Amaruq Exploration Access Road was screened by NIRB on November 4th, 2015 and a Type 8BC-AEA1525 License was issued by the NWB on November 9th, 2016.

These conformity determinations still apply.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of previously unforeseen quarrying activities. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal requires 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 not part of the previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148394&sessionid=

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 applicable 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 licenses, 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 licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable 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,

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