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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Ms. Kharatyan, Mr. Manzo, Mr. Vanengen:

RE: NPC File # 148261, Amaruq Exploration Project

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal modifying a previous project proposal. The activities associated with the original project proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on May 26, 2008, and forwarded to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening (NIRB FILE NO.: 11EN010). A water license was issued for that project proposal by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB File No.: 2BE MEA1318).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project, and that the significant modification conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP), subject to the attached. 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 as amended (NLCA).

For reference, a significant modification may include but is not limited to any one or more of the following:

Any change to the location of the work or activity;

- Any change to the type of land use;
- Any change to the timing of the work or activity (e.g. seasonal changes);
- An increase or modification in a work or activity that, for example, requires changes to a land use permit from Class B to Class A or a water licence from Type B to Type A;
- Any change that disqualifies a project proposal from a previously applicable NIRB screening exemption provided in NLCA Schedule 12-1.

This list is non-exhaustive and is simply an example of what the NPC may consider to be "significant modifications" from a land use planning perspective.

By this letter and additional enclosures, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address: https://npc.strata360.com/portal/portal/portal/project-dashboard.php

The applicant has undertaken to comply with the attached requirements. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under section 69(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA)* to implement any of the attached requirements applicable to the project proposal 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.

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) 983-4632.

Sincerely,

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