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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Ms. Pugh, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Frenette:

RE: NPC File # 148143 Regional Exploration Amaruq-Meadowbank-White Hills

The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP), subject to the attached.

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. The NIRB referral is triggered by cumulative effects concerns relating to:

- a) expired and active mineral interests nearby, including advanced projects,
- b) that this project could induce additional activity, and
- c) the area has been identified as having value and priority to local communities for:
 - i. caribou migration
 - ii. general wildlife
 - iii. muskox.

The applicant has undertaken to comply with the attached requirements. The authorizing agencies to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the 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 application as submitted. Therefore, the proponent must ensure other applications for a permit under this project proposal not listed above are forwarded to NPC for a conformity determination against the KRLUP, and please notify the NPC immediately if any material change to the project proposal is made before authorizations are issued.

Project materials are available at the following address:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148143&sessionid=>

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Scholz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Scholz
Senior Planner,
Nunavut Planning Commission