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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Osmond, Ms. Patreau, Ms. Lowman, Mr. Johnstone, Ms. Aguirre, Mr. Owens, Ms. Turmel:

RE: NPC File # 148399 [Pilot study - Hovercraft Implementation in Nunavut]

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

1. Utilization of hovercraft between Meadowbank mine and Amaruq advanced exploration site.

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

The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, as described below.

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Initial NIRB application Project: Pipe Dream Winter Road and Mining Exploration

- INAC File Number: AANDC2013F0030
- NPC Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (positive conformity determination): March 10, 2011
- NIRB Screening Decision (file 11EN010): April 21, 2011

Amaruq Winter Access (Project 148399 is amendment of this conformity):

- INAC File Number: AANDC2013F0030
- NPC Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (positive conformity determination): March 27, 2014
- Screening Decision Issuance by NIRB, file 11EN010: April 11, 2014
- There is no NWB water license associated with the Amaruq Winter Access project.

Additional applications associated with NIRB File No. 11EN010:

- Water License 2BE-MEA0813, issued by NWB August 15, 2011, renewed Oct. 18, 2012, and amended February 26, 2013

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal.

Previous conformity determinations, NIRB decisions, and NWB water licenses still apply.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because it involves a form of resupply transport not previously considered. 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 Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or 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=148399&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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