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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Ms. Pugh, Mr. Kharatyan, Mr. Penner:

RE: NPC File # 148285 Coppermine

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

1. Mineral Exploration: Explore for copper mineralization using surface geophysical surveys, geochemical soil and rock sampling surveys, prospecting, core drilling, and geological mapping on the company's claims.

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Although the project proposal belongs to a class of works or activities that are exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) under Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NPC has cumulative effects concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of this project proposal combined with those of other projects because of:

1. Nearby projects that have been carried out, are being carried out, or have been proposed, including projects associated with expired and active prospecting permits and mineral claims¹;
2. the project proposal's potential to induce additional projects;

¹ Some nearby projects/project proposals include: Kaizen Discovery Inc. (NIRB FILE NO.: 15EN009).

3. the project proposal's locations, as they have been identified in core caribou calving and post-calving areas² for the Bluenose Lake herd;
4. the project proposal's locations within Kugluktuk's community drinking water supply watershed;³
5. the project proposal's locations within the watershed of the Coppermine River, which has been nominated as a Canadian Heritage River⁴
6. the identification of the areas as having value and priority to local communities⁵ for:
 - i. hunting caribou, muskox, wolves, and grizzly bears;
 - ii. fish;
 - iii. camping; and
 - iv. traditional use of the Coppermine River.

Because of these concerns, by this letter and additional enclosures, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148285&sessionid=>

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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4632.

Sincerely,



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² Government of Nunavut. Submission to the Nunavut Planning Commission for the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. May 28, 2014.

³ Kugluktuk Community Plan.

⁴ A Management Plan for the Coppermine River. Canadian Heritage Rivers System Coppermine River Designation Document. June 2008.

⁵ Nunavut Planning Commission. Summary of Community Meetings on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. 2014.