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Dear Richard Dwyer, Cassel Kapolak, Tracey McCaie, Wynter Kuliktana, Caroline Whittle, and Scott Close:

RE: NPC File # 150294 [Coppermine River Drilling Program]

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

1. Mineral Exploration: Tundra Copper Corporation is proposing to conduct a two-month drill program within the Coppermine River claims. The drilling will take approximately 60 days to complete, from June to late August 2024, subject to drill contractors, helicopter availability, and federal environmental regulations after obtaining the necessary permits.
 - The program will consist of prospecting with a small diamond drilling program, core logging, and geological mapping to verify recent copper mineral showings and occurrences found in the 1960's and earlier.
 - Diamond drilling will consist of ten holes for three thousand meters of drilling, carried out with a small diamond drill that requires a very small site so that surface disturbance is minimal. The drill and exploration personnel will be transported by helicopter from site to site.
 - A seasonal camp for approximately ten people will be set up near Hope Lake on the Mac claim.
 - NPC File Nos: 148333 and 149531; Associated NIRB File No.: 15EN009
 - Location: Kitikmeot Region [Inuit Owned and Crown Lands near the community of Kugluktuk]

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 project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued April 1, 2015, September 16, 2016, and May 6, 2021) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 15EN009).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the continuation of mineral exploration activities, including diamond drilling does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150294>

This decision 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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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