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Dear Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Emingak, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Penner:

RE: NPC File # 149907 [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. The main modifications proposed in the current proposal are as follows:
 - Undertake drilling activities in 2023
 - Accommodate all personnel within the community of Kugluktuk.
- 2. Associated NPC File No: 148285; 149531; Related NIRB File No. 15EN009
- 3. Location: Kitikmeot Region [Inuit Owned and Crown Lands near the community of Kugluktuk].

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal and a decision was issued on June 7, 2016, and May 6, 2021 that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal 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 currently proposed activities 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/project-dashboard.php?appid=149907&sessionid=

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,

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