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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Wynter Kuliktana, Cassel Kapolak, Carson Gillis, and Donald Penner:

## RE: NPC File No. 150622 [COPPERMINE]

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

- 1. RENEWAL of mineral exploration activities: geophysical surveys, soil and rock sampling, prospecting, drilling, and mapping.
- 2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
  - a. 30 days over period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025
  - b. 5 personnel for a total of 150 person-days
- 3. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148285 and 149907; Associated NIRB File No.: 16EN036 (application withdrawn 30 June 2016)

4. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Three separate claim blocks approximately 25 to 75 km northwest, west, and southwest 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 and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC on 24 February 2023, including mineral exploration activities. Although previously referred to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening on 7 June 2016 (NPC File No. 148285 and NIRB File No. 16EN036), the proponent then withdrew the application on 30 June 2016.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it belongs to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

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=150622.

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

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