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Dear Richard Dwyer, Cassel Kapolak, Wynter Kuliktana and Merle Keefe

RE: NPC File # 150805 [Renewal of Water Licence 2BE-GEO2025]

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

- 1. Renewal of existing water license without amendment
- 2. Associated NPC File No: 149278; Related NIRB File Nos: 06EN033 and 08EA084
- 2. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Bathurst Inlet/Sabina/Back River Project]

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 project proposal and a determination was issued on January 21, 2020, that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE Nos.: 06EN033 and 08EA084)

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (*NuPPAA*) under section 235 of that Act. 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/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150805 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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