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- a) 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 claims<sup>1</sup>;
- b) the project proposal's potential to induce additional projects;
- c) the project proposal's locations, as they overlap with
  - i. core caribou calving and post-calving areas<sup>2</sup> for the Qamanirjuaq herd;
  - ii. the Kazan Canadian Heritage River<sup>3</sup>
  - iii. the Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site
  - iv. Qamanirjuaq Caribou Protection Area and Designated Crossing<sup>4</sup>
- d) the area has been identified as having value and priority to local communities<sup>5</sup> for:
  - i. caribou migration, water crossings, and calving
  - ii. Fishing
  - iii. Muskox
  - iv. Wolves and wolverines
  - v. Bird nesting
  - vi. Drinking water
  - vii. Historic sites

Because of these concerns, by way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening under subsection 80(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA). Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:  
<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148480&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA. My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 857-2242.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Some nearby projects/project proposals include: Meliadine Gold Mine Project (NIRB Project Certificate No. 006), Peter, Fox, Parker Lakes (NIRB FILE NO.: 15EN049), Parker Lake (NIRB FILE NO.:10EN020), Baker Basin (NIRB FILE NO.:08EA038), Pistol Bay (NIRB FILE NO.: 11EN027).

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

<sup>3</sup> Kazan Heritage River Management Plan (1990)

<sup>4</sup> Department of Indian and Northern Development. Caribou Protection Map. March 5, 1992.

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