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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Ms. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Osmond, Mr. Kemp, Ms. Lockett:

## RE: NPC File # 148367 Kahuna Diamond Project

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

- 1. Advanced mineral exploration, including bulk sampling.
- 2. Winter trail to the exploration sites.

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, including advanced exploration and a winter trail, and conformity determinations were issued on April 28, 2015 and January 7, 2016 (NPC File No: 148166). This conformity determination still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 15EN028) and a screening decision was issued on July 15, 2015 and April 4, 2016. The current project proposal is a modified version of project proposal 148166, submitted in response to the August 11, 2016 decision of

the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada that the proposal should be returned to the proponent for modification and resubmission to the NPC.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of an expanded scope of exploratory work. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following addresses:

http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148166&sessionid=http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148365&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,

Peter Scholz Senior Planner,

**Nunavut Planning Commission** 

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