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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Clark, Ms. Gunson:

RE: NPC File # 148562 Muskox Diamond Project

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

1. Mineral Exploration: proposed expansion of area for which mineral exploration activities may occur
2. Location: Kitikmeot Region; Approximately 250 km southeast of Kugluktuk, in close proximity to the inactive Jericho and Lupin Mines.

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 has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) including:

- Diamond drilling with hole depths averaging 200m;
- Use of a temporary camp for up to 12 people at three locations: James River, Muskox and Contwoyto Camps;
- Weekly transportation via fixed wing aircraft from Yellowknife;
- Transportation of personnel and equipment during winter month to site via Tibbit-Contwoyto ice road;
- Use of a helicopter and up to two all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles;
- Use of up to 82m³/day of water from nearby sources;
- Transportation, storage and use of fuel stored in fuel caches at the three camp and drilling sites;

- On site incineration of combustible wastes and disposal of wastewater and sludge; and
- Temporary storage of non-combustible wastes and hazardous waste in appropriate containment until removed for treatment (NIRB FILE NO.: 15EN024).

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 proposed expansion of the authorized area for which mineral exploration activities may occur does not change the general scope of the original 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:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148562&sessionid=>

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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4634.

Sincerely,



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