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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Shoo and Mr. MacMorran

## RE: NPC File # 148356 North Arrow Minerals-Mel Project

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

1. Exploration for diamonds within North Arrow's Minerals six (6) claims located on the Melville Peninsula. Works primarily consist of drilling, with the possibility of concurrent till sampling, prospecting and geophysics. Work will be conducted during the spring and summer months of 2017 and 2018 for up to six weeks at a time. A camp will be built to support fieldwork, and all programs will be helicopter supported. Personnel working on the project may vary and typical personnel requirements will likely include one or two project geologists or geo-technicians, one helicopter pilot, one helicopter engineer, one cook/first-aid attendant, and three to five drilling crew members.

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board

(NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148356&sessionid=

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) 979-8260.

Sincerely,

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**Nunavut Planning Commission**