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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Caroline Whittle, Luis Manzo, Carson Gillis, and Russel Starr:

RE: NPC File No. 150746 [Nut Lake Project]

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

1. AMENDMENT to mineral exploration activities (**uranium**).
2. Summary of proposed modifications:
 - a. Addition of diamond drilling to proposed work plan – approximately 3,000 to 5,000 m
 - b. Increase in equipment on site – diamond drill, generators, water pump, incinerator, fixed-wing aircraft
 - c. Increase in person-days – to 3,900 (increase in both personnel [13] and days on site [300])
 - d. Increase in water withdrawal rate – to 299 m³/day
 - e. Increase in fuel storage and use – diesel, gasoline, jet fuel, and propane
 - f. Increase in hazardous materials on site – fuels, oils, antifreezes, cleaners, and coolants

- g. Increase in waste on site – radioactive, hazardous, combustible & non-combustible, greywater, sewage
- h. Potential of annual work
- 3. Required licence and permit upgrades:
 - a. Class A Land Use Permit (CIRNAC)
 - b. Type B Water Licence (NWB)
 - c. Class II Archaeology Research Permit (GN-CH)
- 4. Project Schedule:
 - a. Construction: 01 to 15 May 2025
 - b. Operations: 15 May 2025 to 01 April 2029
 - c. Closure: 01 April to 15 May 2029
- 5. Associated NPC File Nos.: 150409 and 150455; Associated NIRB File No.: N/A
- 6. Location: Kivalliq Region (Keewatin Planning Region): [Nut Lake Property located 180 km southwest of Qamani'tuaq (Baker Lake)]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including early-stage mineral exploration activities, and a conformity determination was most recently issued on 12 June 2024, which still applies. The project proposal conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) and the proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the proposed modifications listed above in item 2. 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 Agreement*.

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 address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150746>.

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 the email or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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