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Dear Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Morrison, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Stubbing, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Osmond, Mr. Smith:

RE: NPC File # 149612 [Pistol Bay Project]

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

1. The movement and relocation of a temporary camp associated with an existing exploration project to a new site closer to the Hamlet of Whale Cove to allow for year-round operations. The proposed new camp site would be located approximately 4.2 km west of the current site, approximately 22 km from the municipality of Whale Cove.
2. Begin the construction of a new camp building in the new site to accommodate up to 35 people. The new building will be equipped with portable toilets and a solid waste incinerator.

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3. Undertake cleanup and restoration of the old camp site to its original condition. The historic drill core currently stored at the old camp site will remain in its current location.
4. Water withdrawal from a fish-bearing lake approximately 550m northwest from the new site within and around the vicinity of the old, abandoned trailer.
5. Associated NPC File No: 149342; 148526; Associated NIRB File No: 11EN027
6. Location: Kivalliq Region [near the Hamlet of Whale Cove]

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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal with conformity determination issued on May 12, 2017, and April 1, 2020 respectively. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 11EN027).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because it involves the movement and relocation of the temporary camp to a new location as well as construction of a new camp building in a new site with potential archaeological significance. It conforms to the Keewatin 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 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 address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149612&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. 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) 983-4625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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