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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Osmond, Mr. Frenette:

RE: NPC File # 148630 [Parker Lake, Peter Lake, Fox Lake and Cone Hill Exploration Projects]

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

1. **Construction of an ice road, parallel to and about 10km west of, the existing approved winter road route**
2. **Abandonment of the existing approved winter road route that will be bypassed**
3. **New proposed route is not within the Kivalliq Caribou Areas as defined by the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan**
4. **Modifications to the original/amended project proposal:**
 - a. **Associated NPC File No: 148346 [Parker Lake, Peter Lake, Fox Lake and Cone Hill Exploration Projects]**
5. Location: Kivalliq Region; SE of Baker Lake water body

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 previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued Jan. 18, 2016 & Dec. 23, 2016), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including the development of a winter road (NIRB FILE NO.: 15EN049 (also 15RN010)).

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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 is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the relocation of the winter road, still outside the designated caribou area, by about 10km, 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148630&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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Scholz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Scholz
Senior Planner,
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