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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Tracey McCaie, Natalie D'Souza, Mosha Cote, José Audet-Lecouffe, Richard Dwyer, Caroline Whittle, Wynter Kuliktana, Carson Gillis, and Eric Sondergaard:

RE: NPC File No. 150522 [Rae Copper Exploration Project]

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

1. Amendment to Mineral exploration program consisting of airborne and ground-based surveying, a drilling program, temporary camps, and environmental monitoring, baseline studies, and archaeological assessment.
2. Summary of proposed modifications:
 - a. Increased water use
 - b. Increased person-days
 - c. Increased fuel storage
 - d. Increased drilling
 - e. Additional licences or permits for potential baseline studies related to environmental monitoring
3. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. Approximately 150 days over period 1 March 2025 to 1 March 2032
 - b. Approximately 20 to 25 personnel for a total of approximately 3000 to 3750 person-days
4. Associated NPC File No. 150199; Associated NIRB File No. N/A (not previously screened)
5. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Coppermine River area west of Kugluktuk]

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 and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, the NPC has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the increase in person-days at camp, increased fuel storage, and additional licences and permits.

The above-noted 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150522>.

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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