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Dear Kapolak, McCaie, Dwyer, Cote, Stubbing, Clark, and, Pervez:

RE: NPC File No: 149880 [South Kitikmeot Gold Project]

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

1. Undertake mineral exploration-related activities to assess the previously identified gold targets, to conduct prospecting to locate new gold targets and to explore these targets. Specific project activities include:
 - Exploration activities such as ground and airborne geophysical surveys, including drilling, sampling, trenching, mapping, and prospecting;
 - Establishment of a temporary main camp and a satellite remote camp for remote crews (total of 100800 person days), and the related domestic water use and waste deposit;
 - Undertake limited overland travel on winter trails to support local drill movements or mobilization of equipment by cat-train;

- Use of helicopter and fixed wing to access historical esker strips;
 - Conduct Environmental and heritage resources baseline studies to inform future project planning and mitigate potential program impacts. The project-related activities will be based either regionally or out of a camp to be established on the property, or out of a camp established on nearby properties, should permitting and availability exist.
 - Potential for the camp to be relocated over the life of the program, to an area proximal to drilling.
2. Associated NPC File Nos: 148597, 148588, 148825
 3. Location: Crown and Inuit-owned land in the Kitikmeot [adjacent to both the Lupin Mine and the Back River Project)

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal, including mapping, geological and geophysical exploration with a 2-to-4-person crew (140 person-days), and a determination was issued on May 15, 2018, that it 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 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/project-dashboard.php?appid=149880&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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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