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**RE: NPC File # 149880 [South Kitikmeot Gold Project]**

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, 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 and Kivalliq Regions [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 Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. 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 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=>

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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