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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Thomas Ullrich:

RE: NPC File No. 150931 [Aston Bay Property or Storm Project]

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

1. AMENDMENT to mineral exploration activities: The Storm Project is an exploration project including the Seal zinc deposit and multiple copper-silver showings. The proponent is applying to renew and amend the associated water licence and land use permit to support increased activities at the site.
2. Summary of modifications:
 - a. Reduction in Project extent to reflect the current mineral tenure
 - b. Additional Storm Camp water source
 - c. Additional structures to the existing Storm Camp to accommodate additional personnel
 - d. Increased fuel stored at the main Storm Camp fuel cache
 - e. Increased chemicals and materials required for exploration
 - f. Addition of a marine landing area

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- g. Additional equipment needed to facilitate camp and exploration
- 3. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 90 days over period 1 July 2026 to 30 September 2031
 - b. 65 personnel for a total of 5,850 person-days
- 4. Associated NPC File Nos.: 149360, 150871, and 150889; Associated NIRB File No: 10EN013
- 5. Location: Qikiqtani Region (North Baffin Planning Region); [Storm Project at Aston Bay on Somerset Island, approximately 73 km south of Resolute Bay and approximately 500 km north of Taloyoak]

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 works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including mineral exploration activities, and conformity determinations were issued on 22 February 2010, 23 April 2010, 25 May 2020, 10 July 2025, and 23 July 2025, which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 10EN013). The project proposal conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP), and the proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the increased activities, increased fuel, chemical, and hazardous material use, camp expansion, and addition of a marine landing area. The 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/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150931>.

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 the email address or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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