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Dear Gizella Hejjas, Tracey McCaie, Richard Dwyer, Caroline Whittle, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, and Thomas Ullrich:

RE: NPC File No: 150871 [Aston Bay Property or Storm Project]

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

1. **Mineral exploration:** Amendment to the existing operations to accommodate the increase and continuation of exploration activities. Annual programs to continue with increased drilling (15,000–25,000 m). Use of 1–2 diamond drill rigs and 1 reverse circulation rig. All activities remain helicopter-supported and based out of Storm Camp. 2024 surveys found no archaeological sites; remaining areas to be surveyed in 2025.
2. **Associated NPC FILE Nos:** 149360 and 150889; **Associated NIRB FILE No:** 10EN013.
3. **Summary of modification:**
 - Reduced project area to match current mineral tenure.
 - Additional water source (lake north of Storm Camp).

- Camp expansion to support 65–100 personnel (within existing footprint).
 - Fuel cache increase from 80,000 L to 512,500 L.
 - Establishment of:
 - Marine landing area for sealift operations.
 - Inland laydown area (up to 500 m x 250 m).
 - Overland winter trail for transport during frozen conditions.
 - Additional equipment for future development (e.g., bulldozers, excavators, ATVs, snowmobiles).
4. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Somerset Island, approximately 73 km south of Resolute Bay]

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, including mineral exploration and conformity determinations issued on February 22, 2010, April 23, 2010, May 25, 2020, and July 10, 2025. These conformity determinations still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 10EN013).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the intensification of activities, including an increase in fuel caching, in camp campsite, an additional water source, and the development of a marine landing and an inland laydown. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted 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=150871> .

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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