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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Wynter Kuliktana, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, Cassel Kapolak, and Alexandre Jones Vilela da Silva:

RE: NPC File No: 150447 [Prescott Project]

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

1. Amendment to Early-stage Mineral Exploration program consisting of two major activities:
    a. A 5-week fixed-wing geophysical survey based out of Resolute Bay that is non-invasive and will not land in the project area. The survey will take the upmost care to avoid wildlife, flying alternative survey blocks if needed away from any animals sighted.
        i. Airborne Gravity Gradiometry (AGG) survey to measure rock density
        ii. 175 m transect spacing at a minimum altitude of 80 m
    b. Prospecting, sampling, and geological mapping will take place over the project area later in the season. No drilling or heavy equipment will be used over course of 2024 program.

        i. Use of helicopter to access prospecting sites identified through airborne survey
        ii. Use of hand tools to sample mineralized rocks
2. Temporary Structures: camp to be established on Crown land to support prospecting activities.
    a. 5-6 personal tents, and 1 kitchen, 1 washhouse, 1 toilet, and 1 generator tent
    b. Camp water use from nearby water sources, greywater sump 31 m from ordinary high water mark
    c. Bear fence
    d. Fuel cache containing up to 3 500 L fuel
3. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
    a. Airborne Survey: 3 June to 5 July 2024
    b. Prospecting and camp:
        i. Construction: 30 July to 1 August 2024
        ii. Operations: 1 to 15 August 2024
        iii. Closure: 15 to 16 August 2024
    c. 5 personnel over 14 days for a total of 70 person-days at camp site
4. Modifications to the original project proposal:
    a. Airborne survey brought forward by two weeks
    b. Additional mineral claim
    c. Updated geophysical survey area
5. Associated Files:
    a. NPC File No: 150354 [Prescott Project]
    b. NIRB File No.: N/A
    c. NWB File No.: 2WLC-PRE2425
    d. QIA Land Use License No.: QL2-2424
6. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions; [Resolute Bay and various areas over and on Prince of Wales and Somerset Islands]

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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and a conformity determination was issued on 8 May 2024, which still applies. The proposal conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) and 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 is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the change in survey dates, inclusion of an additional claim, and an updated geophysical survey area do not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150447.

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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