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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Carson Gillis, Geoff Clark, Cassel Kapolak, and Jason Abplanalp:

### RE: NPC File # 149933 [Wolverine Phase 2]

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

- 1. The following works and activities are proposed by BHP, parent company of Rio Algom Exploration:
  - Airborne geophysical surveys (ZTEM), ground geophysical survey (MT-low impact), and prospecting over the months of June, July and August of 2023.
  - Two, 12-person temporary camps, sequentially at two locations supported by fixed-wing and rotor-driven aircraft.
- 2. Associated NPC Files: 148963, and 149263.
- 3. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Two locations: Central Victoria Island on border with NWT and south-central Victoria Island]

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan and is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). The

project proposal does not require screening because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement (NA), and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address: https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149933&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 he sitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

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