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Dear Ms. Lear, Mr. Dwyer, and Ms. Elgersma:

RE: NPC File # 149007 [City of Iqaluit - Apex River Drinking Water Supply]

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

1. Amendment to City of Iqaluit's existing Type A Water License # 3AM-IQA1626.
2. Summary of Modification:
 - Renew the emergency authorization to withdraw up to 500,000 m³ of water annually from the Apex River and to pump this water overland to the Lake Geraldine reservoir during open-water conditions, as needed until a permanent, long-term solution to the shortage of drinking water supply is implemented;
 - Increase the amount of water to be withdrawn from Lake Geraldine from 1,100,000 m³ currently allowed to 2,000,000 m³.
3. Related NIRB File # : 13UN034
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region [Apex River and Lake Geraldine; City of Iqaluit]

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities

associated with the current proposal, including the withdrawal of water up to 1,100,000 m³ from Lake Geraldine (NIRB FILE NO. 13UN034).

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the increase of the amount of water withdrawn from Lake Geraldine from 1,100,000 m³ to 2,000,000 m³.

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 are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149007&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 hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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