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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, José Audet-Lecouffe, Caroline Whittle, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, William Patch, and Justin McDonell:

RE: NPC File # 150435 [Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay Field Program]

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

1. Scientific research: Baseline studies, surveys, and field programs to support the detailed design of community harbour facilities:
    a. Environmental, geoscience, geophysics, and archaeological baseline studies in each location
    b. Geotechnical program to confirm seabed and quarry rock conditions
    c. Topographic and bathymetric surveys
    d. Existing conditions or effects studies during or post-construction of the harbours
    e. Use of drill rig for geotechnical survey, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for topographical survey, and various other scientific instruments
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
    a. 54 days over period 1 July 2024 to 30 December 2031
    b. 36 personnel for a total of 1,944 person-days
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Communities of Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay]

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. It 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 project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

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=150435.

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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