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RE: NPC File No. 150523 [Field Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project]

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

1. Amendment to scientific research activities and field programs to support the development of the Grays Bay Port and Road project: expanded scope and duration to support additional baseline and engineering studies.
2. Summary of proposed modifications:
 - a. Addition of geotechnical drilling to project activities
 - b. Additional equipment to support drilling and surveys
 - c. Extension of project schedule (to 1 January 2030)
 - d. Increased number of personnel and number days on site
 - i. 30 personnel over 750 days for a total of 22,500 person-days
 - e. Increased fuel use and storage and hazardous & non-hazardous waste
 - f. Increased water consumption (up to 299 m³/day)
3. Additional authorizations required:
 - a. Class A Land Use Permit
 - b. Type B Water Licence
 - c. Class II Archaeology and Paleontology Research Permit
4. Associated NPC File Nos.:
 - a. 148610 [Field & IQ Research, Grays Bay Road and Port Project]
 - b. 150391 [2024 Field Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project]
5. Associated NIRB File No.:
 - a. 17YN067 [2017/18 Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port project]
6. Related NPC File Nos.: 148396, 148636, 148806, 149664, 149834, 149985, and 150467
7. Related NIRB File Nos.: 04YN073, 06EN066, 07YN055, 08EN067, 17XN011, 17EN059, 20EN001, and 24XN038
8. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Coronation Gulf to the northern terminus of the Tibbitt-Contwoyto Winter Road at the former Jericho Mine]

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 and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including scientific research and field programs. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 17YN067).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the addition of geotechnical drilling, additional equipment, increased number of personnel and days on site, increased fuel and hazardous waste, and increased water consumption. The project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for components or activities that were not part of the original or previously amended proposal and their 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:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150523>.

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'A' connected by a horizontal line.

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