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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Wynter Kuliktana, Carson Gillis, and Nicole McLaren:

**RE: NPC File No. 150434 [Lupin Mine Winter Access Road]**

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

1. **Land use: Winter access road** from diamond mines in Northwest Territories to Lupin Mine in Nunavut for transportation of equipment and supplies for ongoing closure and reclamation activities.
2. **Modifications** to the amended project proposal:
  - a. Change in ownership from Nahanni Construction Limited to Lupin Mines Incorporated, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mandalay Resources Corporation.
3. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148975 and 149236 [Lupin Mine Winter Access]
4. Related NPC File No.: 148938 [Lupin Mine – Closure & Reclamation]
5. Associated NIRB File Nos.: 02RN037 [Lupin Winter Road] and 19RN005 [Lupin Mine Winter Access]
6. Related NIRB File Nos.: 00RN085 [Winter Road-Tibbit Lake to Contwoyto Lake] and 04RN111 [Winter Road Pellatt Lake to Jericho]

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7. **Location:** Transboundary and Kitikmeot Region; [Lac de Gras in the Northwest Territories to Contwoyto Lake in Nunavut and on to Lupin Mine]

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 completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including winter road construction and a determination was issued on 27 September 2019 (NPC File No. 149236) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 19RN005).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the change in ownership does not change the general scope of the previously amended 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150434>.

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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