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Dear Jesse Aiayi, Jared Ottenhof, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Cassel Kapolak, and James Curtis Hayward:

RE: NPC File No: 150189 [Arctic Wolf Filming Project]

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

1. **Summary of project:** Silverback Films, a natural history television company based in the UK, is making two new television programmes for major streaming services focused on the arctic which will showcase the wildlife and the people of the frozen north and illustrate the drastic changes that the region is undergoing as climate change threatens to transform the environment. We are intending to combine a shoot for the two films to keep environmental impacts to a minimum. The narratives of both programmes will be driven by natural wildlife behaviour in line with classic natural history films. The Arctic wolves of Ellesmere Island will feature prominently in both our programmes. The objective is to film a pack on the Fosheim Peninsular,

Ellesmere Island from July to September 2024 to show a new generation of pups following the pack and learning to hunt muskoxen and hares. A team of 5-6 peoples will be conducting this filming project.

2. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Ellesmer Island, 276 km North of Grise-Fiord.]

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. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP. The project proposal 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, 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150189>

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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