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Dear Mr. Cote, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Maksagak, and Mr. Lamoureux:

**RE: NPC File No. 149519 [Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory]**

- Related NPC FILE No. 148246, 148366, 148705, 149088, and 149320; NIRB File No.: 03YN010.
- Location: Qikiqtani Region (North Baffin) [Cape Bounty, Melville Island; Approx. 430 km west of Resolute Bay]

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

1. Scientific Research: Continuation of the multiyear application for the ongoing research project intended to determine how climate change affects the land and water. The work involves obtaining water and sediment samples from the streams and lakes at Cape Bounty, and determining how vegetation changes with climate. In addition, the work will study permafrost and the effects it has on water and land.

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

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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 proposal conformity determination was issued on February 3, 2003, in July 2011, on March 18, 2016, October 27, 2016, March 15, 2018, March 26, 2019 and March 6, 2020 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 03YN010). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original or 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149519&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue'.

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