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Dear Ms. Chisholm, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Kharatyan, Mr. Shoo, Ms. Ohokannoak, and Dr. McMullin:

## RE: NPC File # 148501 [Lichens of the High Arctic; Flora of the Canadian Arctic]

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

1. Scientific Research: Study of Flora the flora of some Arctic regions. Field work will be conducted in July 2017 around 3-6 high-Arctic locations in Nunavut: Resolute, Little Cornwallis Island (dependent on PCSP funding), the west coast of Devon Island (dependent on PCSP funding), Eureka, the McGill Arctic Research Station (dependent on PCSP funding), and the Parks Canada camp at Lake Hazen. Lichen diversity at these sites has not been studied in detail. Lichen plant biodiversity will be documented at all sites by exploring (on foot) different habitats, and making collections of all the species we find. Collections will be dried in a plant press, and the specimens will be stored in the plant collection at the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, where they will contribute to on-going efforts to document all the plants and lichens in the Canadian Arctic.

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 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:

http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148501&sessionid=

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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