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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Cote, Mr. Bathory, Ms. McCaie. and Ms. Sanborn-Barrie:

RE: NPC File # 148750 GEM-2 Boothia-Somerset: Integrated Geoscience along the Northwest Passage

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

1. Research project: Foot traverse bedrock mapping across northern Boothia Peninsula and Somerset Island.
2. Related Past NPC file # 148397 [GEM-2 North Baffin Bedrock Mapping] & 148402 [GEM-2 Boothia-Somerset: Integrated Geoscience along the Northwest Passage], Past NIRB File # 17YN008.
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; Boothia Peninsula and Somerset island.

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, including ground mapping and sampling (NPC file# 148397& 148402 for which conformity determinations were issued, respectively on January 10 and January 11, 2017). These conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 17YN008).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the change in project location. 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 above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original proposal and its 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148750&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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