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Dear Ms. Lear, Mr. Cote, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Robinson, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Chisholm and Mr. Dalerum :

RE: NPC File # 149080 [Gateway to Greenland]

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

1. Scientific Research: The aim of this project is to generate a detailed chronographic record of biological colonizations of Greenland, as well as an evaluation of the consequences of such colonization events for current ecosystem structure. The team will be based on the Swedish icebreaker Oden, who will be tasked to the area of Nares straight for a research expedition organized by the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat. The team will be helicopter lifted from Oden to a series of study sites on Greenland, and to two sites on Ellesmere Island. Researchers will use a combination of field survey data and molecular techniques to quantify past and current species communities and ecosystem structures. On each site, we will collect lake

sediment cores, terrestrial arthropods and fecal droppings, bone, teeth, hair and feathers from birds and mammals.

2. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Ellesmere Island, outside of Quttinirpaaq National Park]

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 requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

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=149080&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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