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Dear Mr. Cote, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. Ohokannoak, Dr. Grasby:

## RE: NPC File # 148249 High Arctic Large Igneous Province Geological Study, Axel Heiberg and Ellesmere Island

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on February 12, 2015, which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 15Y006). This request to renew an expired research permit by the Nunavut Research Institute (#02 029 15N-M) and application for an exemption for a water licence to be issued by the Nunavut Water Board does not require further review by the NPC or further screening by the NIRB.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address: http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148249&sessionid=

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. If there is a significant modification to the project proposal, the proponent is required to re-submit the modified project proposal to the NPC. For reference, a significant modification may include:

- Any change to the location of the work or activity;
- Any change to the type of land use;
- Any change to the timing of the work or activity (e.g. seasonal changes);
- An increase or modification in a work or activity that, for example, requires changes to a land use permit from Class B to Class A or a water licence from Type B to Type A;
- Any change that disqualifies a project proposal from a previously applicable NIRB screening exemption provided in NLCA Schedule 12-1.

This list is non-exhaustive and is simply an example of what the NPC may consider to be "significant modifications" from a land use planning perspective.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the attached 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) 983-4632.

Sincerely,

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**Nunavut Planning Commission** 

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