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

RE: NPC File # 148252 Ice Dynamics and Cryospheric Changes in Northern Canada

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 4, 2008, which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 08YN010), however the current project proposal includes significant modifications to the location of the activities. The locations described in the project proposal include activities to be conducted in the 2016 season, as well as possible locations for future work.

As a result of these modifications, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148252&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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