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Thomas Hadlair, Ph.D.
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Dear Thomas Hadlair:

Re: Land Use Permit # N2024N0009

Type of Operation: Research Project

Location: Yelverton Inlet, Baffin, NU, NTS 340F

Enclosed is your copy of Land Use permit number N2024N0009 authorizing your project as described in your application dated October 27, 2023.

Your application has received a wide distribution to other Federal departments, Government of the Nunavut departments, communities in the area of your operation and concerned Inuit groups. In distributing your application, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) sought comments from these various agencies based on their area of expertise that will help ensure minimum negative impact on the environment. The issuance of this permit indicates that as a result of the NIRB environmental screening process it was decided that the potentially adverse environmental effects that may be caused by your proposal are mitigable with known technology and are not significant. The terms and conditions in the permit will, in our opinion, provide the necessary protection to the environment.

Please ensure that you adhere to the operating conditions, including all reporting requirements, annexed to your permit. Should you have any questions regarding any conditions of this permit, please contact Susie Issuqangituq at 867-975-4294 or email landsming@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Our office would like to ensure that you are aware of the land use planning process that is currently underway in Nunavut. The Nunavut Planning Commission, under the authority of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, is working to develop a land use plan that would apply throughout the Nunavut Settlement Area and the Outer Land Fast Ice Zones, as those terms are defined in the *Nunavut Agreement*.

A new land use plan has the potential to affect both your existing activities and your plans for future activities. Therefore, we encourage you to become familiar with the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment*, the Commission's planning process, and to review the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and other documentation available through the Nunavut Planning Commission to ensure you are aware of how the proposed plan might affect you. A revised version of the Nunavut Planning Commission's Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan is available at http://nunavut.ca. Also on that website you will find notices from the Commission about the planning process and other important information, including how to get involved.

Two regional land use plans, the Keewatin and North Baffin Regional Land Use Plans, remain in effect. Under the Act, there can be only one plan applicable in a planning region. Therefore, in the event a territory-wide land use plan is approved the two regional plans would be repealed.

If you have questions or comments about the land use plan, please do not hesitate to contact Tracey McCaie, Manager of Land Administration at (867)975-4280. For information about the land use planning process and how to get involved, please contact the Nunavut Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Natasha Wisintainer Land Administration Specialist

cc: Manager, Field Operations RMO – Joseph Monteith