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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, Patrick Graillon, Janelle Kennedy, Carla Pamak, Adam Lewis, and Anissa Merzouk:

RE: NPC File No. 150830 [2025 scientific expedition onboard the research icebreaker CCGS Amundsen]

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

1. Continuation of multidisciplinary marine and terrestrial scientific research aboard CCGS Amundsen.
2. Associated NPC FILE No: 148573, 148925, 150481 and 150484; Related NPC File No.: 149170
3. NIRB File No.: 06YN071.
4. Summary of modification: The research program in 2025 will introduce new stations in Davis Strait and additional sampling locations on Melville Island and the Queen Elizabeth Islands.

5. Location: Qikiqtaaluk, Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions; [several areas across the Arctic, including Labrador Sea, Baffin Bay, the Queen Elizabeth Islands and Foxe Basin]

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. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, including sampling of the pelagic and benthic environments, as well as river, rock and ice sampling (conformity determinations issued May 23, 2017, July 30, 2018, July 5, 2019, and July 10, 2024). This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 06YN071).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project due to the inclusion of new sampling areas in the Kivalliq region. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) and the North Baffin Regional Land Use (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP 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 or previously amended 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:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150830>

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 portions of the above-noted project proposal within the Nunavut Settlement Area; ***the proponent is advised to contact the authorizing agencies outside the Nunavut Settlement Area copied in this letter to identify any additional requirements that may be applicable.*** 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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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