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Dear Mosha Cote, Tracey McCaie, José Audet-Lecouffe, Jared Ottenhof, Richard Dwyer, Cassel Kapolak, and Amber Vidal:

RE: NPC File No 150823 [DRDC - Gascoyne Inlet Camp (NWTD)]

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

1. Gascoyne Inlet Camp Activities

- Camp Activities opening camp, maintenance of camp buildings and equipment, safety inspection of camp, closing camp
- Science Activities supporting site, Inlet, CCG, and commercially-supported research activities; reassessing the site's generator and electrical systems to determine baseline energy needs and inform future improvements, including ongoing use of green power; further testing of a desalination system to provide the GIC with an alternative freshwater source; potential hosting of a field team from the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) who will perform a simple site reconnaissance in support of potential future research activities in the area (approvals permitting).
- 2. New activities: Host potential site visit from Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) and ongoing use of small desalination system. GSC intends to visit the site to take pictures and reconnoiter in support of potential future GSC research applications which may need to make use of the GIC for support. The desalination system is a small motorcraft-type being tested to see if it can provide an alternative source of fresh water.
- 3. Personnel: 20, days on site: 35, total person days: 700
- 4. Related NPC FILE No: 148552; Related NIRB File No: 22DA050
- 5. Location: North Baffin; [Devon Island/Gascoyne Inlet]

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on May 17, 2017 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 22DA050). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150823

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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