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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Stubbing, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Osmond, and Ms. Lamontagne:

**RE: NPC File # 149690 [Otter and Montgomery Lakes Remediation Project]**

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

1. Undertake remediation of two (2) abandoned mineral exploration support sites located approximately 200 km west of Arviat. The sites included in this proposed project are the remnants of mineral exploration activities carried out by Kognak Gold Explorations Ltd. on Crown land from 1981 to 1986.
2. The waste associated with the mineral exploration activities were left on-site and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada plans to clean up the site. Specific project activities include:
  - Undertake clean-up activities which includes the removal of waste fuel, waste drums, wood waste and miscellaneous waste debris from the site to leave no infrastructure on-site.
  - Use of helicopter and ATV for the mobilization of personnel to bring required equipment on site, and to remove the equipment and the wastes from the site and to eventually have them disposed of in a licensed facility in the South (transported by sealift).
3. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Otter and Montgomery Lakes approximately 200 km west of Arviat].

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. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). 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 project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

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/project-dashboard.php?appid=149690&sessionid=>

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)983-4982.

Sincerely,

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

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