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Dear Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Maksagak, and Mr. Shields:

## RE: NPC File # 149245 [Igaluit Lot 512 Remedial Excavation]

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

- 1. Remediation: Application for water use without license for remediation activities. The proposed remediation activities include remedial excavation with the installation of an impermeable liner on the resulting excavation perimeter to manage impacts within the site boundaries. It is proposed that the excavation be extended to the full property boundary and the depth of permafrost, which will simplify the remedial approach and future residential development of the Site. The focus will be to maintain the integrity of the permafrost for future development with consideration of a potential vapour barrier and/or passive vapour extraction system beneath the future building if needed. These various components would consequently limit long-term liability and reduce residual risk.
  - Remedial monitoring activities are expected to be limited to confirmatory soil sampling and submission to an accredited laboratory to characterize COC concentrations along the excavation boundaries. Visual monitoring for observations and material testing on backfill material will likely also be conducted.
- 2. Location: Qikiqtani Region [Iqaluit, Within municipal boundaries]

A complete description of the proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this proposal falls within the exemption of certain works and activities from the definition of the term "project" under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) and from the definition of the term "project proposal" under the Nunavut Agreement because the NPC is of the understanding that the proposal is located within the municipal boundaries and does not involve industrial activities. The NPC only has a statutory mandate to review "projects/project proposals". As such, the proposal is exempt from a review by the NPC and screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB).

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

https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149245&sessionid=

This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

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**Nunavut Planning Commission**