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Dear Luis Manzo, Tracey McCaie, Cassel Kapolak, Carson Gillis, and Trevor Boyd:

RE: NPC File No. 150588 [Ferguson Lake Project]

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

1. Continuation of previously approved mineral exploration activities.
 - a. Water use will not change from previously approved limits.
 - b. Activities other than proposed modifications below to remain the same.
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 75 days over period 15 July 2025 to 10 December 2027
 - b. 5 personnel for a total of 75 person-days
3. Summary of proposed modifications:
 - a. construct exploration trails (12.7 km x 1.5m wide or 1.91 ha),
 - b. upgrade 2.7 km of the 1.5m trail to a 5m wide trail,
 - c. collect a bulk sample, and
 - d. implement a green energy solution for the exploration camp.
4. Associated NPC File No.: 149256 and 148903

5. Associated NIRB File Nos.: 19RA046 and 07EN001
6. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Ferguson Lake (approximately 165 km south-southwest of Baker Lake) and beyond to a location approximately 84 km west of Rankin Inlet]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including mineral exploration activities, and a conformity determination was issued on 6 December 2019 which still applies. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) and the proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including exploration trail construction and bulk sampling (NIRB File Nos. 07EN001 and 19RA046).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of exploration trails and bulk sampling does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended 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=150588>.

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Agreement* to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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 'S.A.' with a stylized flourish.

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