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Robert Zubrin
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Sent via email: zubrin@aol.com

Re: Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination for The Mars Society's "Devon Island Research Facility" Project Proposal

Dear Robert Zubrin:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received The Mars Society's "Devon Island Research Facility" project proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) on March 6, 2015. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *Letter to AANDC Requesting an Extension*
- *Maps*

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that Proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination. For further information, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at aglukark@nunavut.ca.

Once a positive conformity determination is made, the NPC will forward its determination and any associated recommendations to the NIRB for screening, if required.

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for

authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact an environmental administrator at the NIRB at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Natasha Lear
Environmental Administrator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Lee Ann Pugh, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada