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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Cote, Ms. Piugattuk, Ms. Orman, Ms. Patreau, Mr. Curran:

RE: NPC File # 148362 Hope Bay Project NRI Scientific Research Permit

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

1. Scientific Research: To continue monitoring and baseline studies related to TMAC Resources Inc.'s Hope Bay Project, located in the West Kitikmeot region. Studies include:

- Air quality and dust
- Meteorology and wind
- Noise
- Geotechnical
- Ground temperature
- Hydrogeology
- Geochemistry
- Hydrology
- Bathymetry
- Soils and vegetation
- Wildlife
- Archaeology
- Aquatics (marine and freshwater)
    - Water column structure
    - Water and sediment quality
    - Aquatic biology
    - Fish and fish habitat

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal (NIRB FILE NO. 09YN022), including:

- Air quality
- Meteorology
- Noise
- Hydrology
- Bathymetry
- Soils and vegetation
- Wildlife
- Aquatics (marine and freshwater)
    - Water and sediment quality
    - Aquatic biology
    - Fish and fish habitat

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because some proposed studies have not been previously screened and the boundary of the study area has changed.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148362&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) 983-4634.

Sincerely,

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