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Dear: Ms. Lear, Mr. Kharatyan, Mr. Cote, Mr. Williamson Bathory and Ms. Partin:

RE: NPC File # 148774-Reconstructing ancient ocean conditions from rocks of the Belcher Group, Belcher Islands, Nunavut

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

1. Scientific research: Study the origin of the sequence of rocks covering the Belcher Islands. Activities involve the collect of rock samples by boat, foot and ATV to help understand the story of the ancient ocean in which the rocks of the Belcher Group were deposited, approximately 2 billion years.
2. Location: South Baffin Region [Belcher Islands, Community of Sanikiluaq].

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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. NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE No. 10YN049). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original 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 are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148774&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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue', written in a cursive style.

Goump Djalogue
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