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**Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Shoo, Mr. Fortier, Ms. Chisholm and Maj. Prentice**

**RE: NPC File # 148361 NOREX 17 (Northern Exercise 2017)**

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

1. To conduct winter exercises from March 6 to March 31, 2017 involving Canadian Armed Forces personnel, and Canadian Rangers. These training exercises are conducted by the Arctic Response Company Groups (ARCG) to provide specific skills necessary to enable deployment to the high Arctic region in the event of a domestic emergency. The exercise will involve 140 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel from southern Canada along with a further 26 Canadian Rangers. Equipment such as snowmobiles and support equipment will be used in Four (4) locations: Cornwallis Island, Devon Island, Eureka and Polaris. Standard army issue temporary ten-man

tents will be installed at the various locations. Military or commercial aircraft (ie helicopter, Twin Otter, DC-3 or similar) along with ski-doo will be used for transportation.

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. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP. The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:  
<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148361&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

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) 979-8260.

Sincerely,



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