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Dear Tracey McCaie, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, Carson Gillis, and DCC on behalf of RPON:

**RE: NPC File No. 150597 [NOREX 25]**

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

1. Military exercise to increase the Canadian Armed Forces' experience operating in the Canadian Arctic.
2. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148361, 148634, 148970, and 149890; Associated NIRB File No.: 16DN061
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Resolute Bay; Cornwallis Island and Little Cornwallis Island]

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 military exercises, and conformity determinations were issued on 31 October 2016, 24 October 2017, 06 December 2018, and 24 November 2022, which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 16DN061).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because the NPC is of the understanding that it 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=150597>.

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a stylized flourish extending from the 'A'.

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