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Dear Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Maksagak, and Mr. Vézina:

RE: NPC No.: 149480 [Climate change, migration and breeding of birds at Alert, Nunavut]

- **Related NPC File No.:** 148450 [Climate change, migratory recovery and breeding of shorebirds at Alert, Nunavut]
- **Related NIRB File No.:** 15YN031.
- **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Alert, approximately 780 km north of Grise Fiord]

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

1. Research: Renewal for an ongoing research study of how climate change influences the capacity of arctic breeding birds to recover from migration after their arrival and determine how this may interfere with their reproductive preparation, reproductive effort and success as well as their survival.

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on March 27, 2015 and February 10, 2017 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB

FILE NO.: 15YN031). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was part of the original proposal and its inclusion is not a significant modification of the project.

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/project-dashboard.php?appid=149480&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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