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Dear Mosha Cote, Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Luis Manzo, Francis Emingak, and Eric Collins:

RE: NPC File No: 150059 [GENICE2]

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

1. Marine based Research: Continuation of research works aiming to understand the role of microbial biodegradation of hydrocarbons and the impacts of oil spills on aquatic ecosystems in the Arctic. Part of this project includes the co-development of a Community Based Monitoring (CBM) project in collaboration with community members in the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet. Proposed activities include sampling of natural waterways in the vicinity of Chesterfield Inlet. Samples collected during CBM activities will be analyzed for the genetic and functional diversity of naturally occurring microbial populations, the presence, concentrations, and types of hydrocarbons, the concentrations of nutrients, and other determinants of water quality that may be desired by community members.
2. Associated NPC File No: 148629, 148926, and 149171; NIRB File No: 06YN071.

3. Location: Kivalliq Region; [within and around Chesterfield inlet]

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. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and conformity determinations issued on September 13, 2017, August 10, 2018, and June 5, 2019, which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including examination of sea ice cover, ocean currents and contaminants, sediment core sampling, and collection of water, plankton, juvenile fish and sea ice samples (NIRB FILE NO.: 06YN071). It conforms to the Keewatin Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

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 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/project-dashboard.php?appid=150059&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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