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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Shoo, and Mr. Prentice:

RE: NPC File # 148634- Northern Exercise 2018 (NOREX 18)

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

1. To conduct winter exercises from February 4-17, 2018 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 130 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel from southern Canada along with members of 1CRPG Canadian Rangers. Equipment such as snowmobiles and support equipment will be used in three (3) locations: Cornwallis Island, Arctic Bay and Grise Fiord. 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.

2. Location: Qikiqtani Region; near the communities of Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord and Arctic Bay.

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, including use of Ski-doo's, establishment of tents, practise survival skills and conformity determination issued on February 8, 2016, October 16, 2016 and most recently November 12, 2016 (NPC file # 148197, 148361, and 148373) . This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 16DN004, 16DN061, and 16DN063).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because the Arctic Bay location has not been screened in the past. 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 above-noted project proposal requires 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 not part of the or previously proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. 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://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148634&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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