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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Clark, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Cote and Mr. Schimnowski:

**RE: NPC File # 148668 [CAT-TRAIN: Canadian Arctic Tidal Transect Research and Infrastructure Network]**

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

1. Temporary Structures and Winter Access: Deploy and maintain key research infrastructure in areas where it will be useful to research projects in the Kitikmeot Region. As such, three M-Mag-N labs will be relocated over sea ice and set up at three strategic locations, the Finlayson Islands and Lauchlan River in Dease Strait, and near the town site at Umingmaktok, where they will be left for two years. The research labs will be moved on skids as part of a train that will also include an accommodation trailer and cooking trailer. A tracked vehicle will lead the train to clear a path and a second will pull the train.
2. Modifications to the original project proposal: Change of one site from Halokvik ~60km west to Lauchlan River (another commercial fishery site used by the community of Cambridge Bay) and the addition of a third lab near the townsite at Umingmaktok.
3. Past related NPC file # 148438; NIRB file #: 17UN042.
4. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Cambridge Bay, Byron Bay, and Umingmaktok].

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal, including the relocation of temporary research lab infrastructures and winter access road (NIRB FILE NO: 17UN042).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the change of one site from Halokvik ~60km west to Lauchlan River (another commercial fishery site used by the community of Cambridge Bay) and the addition of a third lab near the townsite at Umingmaktok.

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 original 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 are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148668&sessionid=>

This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue'.

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