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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Mosha Cote, Patrick Graillon, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, and Dorothe Dahl-Jensen:

RE: NPC File No. 150500 [Mueller's Ice Cap ice core]

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

1. Amendment to Scientific Research activities with the objective of retrieving an ice core from Mueller's Ice Cap.
2. Summary of proposed modifications to the original/amended project proposal:
 - a. Revise field dates to approximately 15 March to 1 June 2025
 - b. Update equipment list to include 1 x Eclipse shallow core drill
 - c. Increase the number of 100 m shallow ice cores from 1 to 3 (for a total of 300 metres of shallow ice core; the deep 600 m ice core drilling remains unchanged)
 - d. Increase maximum number of people in camp from 12 to 14

- Despite the small increase in the number of ice core samples and the number of people in camp, permitted water or waste limits under our existing licence will not be exceeded
- 3. Associated NPC File No.: 149791; Associated NIBR File No.: 22YN062; Associated NWB File No.: 8BC-MIC2325
- 4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Axel Heiberg Island, adjacent to Napaqtulik/Napurtulik Proposed Territorial Park]

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 and has determined that it conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, and a conformity determination was issued on 7 December 2022 which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including glaciological scientific research activities (NIRB File No. 22YN062).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the proposed modifications do not change the general scope of the original 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=150500>.

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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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