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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Caroline Whittle, Cassel Kapolak, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Lutz Reinhardt:

RE: NPC File No. 150583 [CASE 24 Vendom Fiord]

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

1. Scientific research: The CASE 24 Vendom Fiord project is a joint endeavour of the German Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR)) and the

Geological Survey of Canada (GSC Calgary). This project continues former CASE field campaigns on Ellesmere Island.

- a. Focus is on Circum-Arctic continental land areas to better understand the origin, development, and opening of the Arctic Ocean causing today's distribution of sea and land characterising the Arctic landscapes and climate we currently know.
2. Project components:
 - a. Field camp at the northern end of Vendom Fiord (favored location, other sites are possible)
 - b. Helicopter used for daily transportation to outcrop sites of rocks where field teams will traverse by foot, spot and map rocks and faults, measure sections of rocks, and collect fist-sized samples by hand.
 - c. Fuel caching: 30 drums of fuel (6 150 L) at the intended campsite and up to 6 drums (1 230 L) near Irene Bay
3. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 31 days over period 15 March to 15 August 2025
 - i. Fuel caching: March to April 2025
 - ii. Camp and research activities: July 2025 to August 2025
 - b. 12 personnel for a total of 372 person-days
4. Summary of proposed modification:
 - a. New fuel cache location
5. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148223, 148498, and 150179
6. Associated NIRB File Nos.: 05YN016, 07YN052, 08YN045, 11YN005, 16FN015, and 23YN074
7. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Ellesmere Island, north of Grise Fiord]

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

The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including scientific research activities, camp, and fuel caching, and conformity determinations or decisions were issued on 3 April 2008, 15 February 2011, 21 March 2016, 1 March 2017, and 1 December 2023 which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File Nos. 05YN016, 07YN052, 08YN045, 11YN005, 16FN015, and 23YN074).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the new fuel cache location 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/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150583>.

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a long horizontal stroke extending from the 'A'.

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