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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, José Audet-Lecouffe, Wynter Kuliktana, Caroline Whittle, Carson Gillis, and Gavin Law:

RE: NPC File No. 150391 [2024 Field Research Program for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project]

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

1. Field research program to support the development of the Grays Bay Port and Road:
 - a. Placement of wildlife observation cameras, automated recording units and related support structures between Jericho Mine and Grays Bay for wildlife and bird observation.
 - b. Collection of baseline noise data at the proposed port site using a sound level meter.
 - c. Servicing and potential replacement of existing equipment at the Grays Bay Meteorological Station.
 - d. Marine sediment, benthic community, and water sampling.

- e. Assessment of freshwater fish habitat, fish species, and bathymetric data collection at watercourses in the port area.
- f. Vegetation (rare plant) assessments in the port area.
2. Use of existing and permitted camps and fuel caches.
3. Modifications to the amended project proposal: additional baseline studies associated with the development.
4. Associated NPC File Nos:
 - a. 148396 – Grays Bay Road and Port Project (file closed, conformity not issued); Associated NIRB File No.: 17XN011
 - b. 148610 – Field & IQ Research, Grays Bay Road and Port Project; Associated NIRB File No.: 17YN067
5. Related NPC File Nos:
 - a. 148636 – Izok Lake Project
 - b. 148806 – HIGH LAKE (file closed, conformity not issued)
 - c. 149664 – Izok Lake targeted VMS mineralization in the Slave Craton
 - d. 149834 – HIGH LAKE; Associated NIRB File No.: 08EN067
 - e. 149985 – Izok Lake Project; Associated NIRB File Nos.: 06EN066 and 07YN055
6. Related NIRB File No.: 04YN073 and 20EN001; Related NWB File No.: 2BM-ULU 2030
7. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Coronation Gulf to the northern terminus of the Tibbitt-Contwoyto Winter Road at the former Jericho Mine]

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. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including collection of baseline data for a variety of parameters and a decision was issued on July 17, 2017 (NPC File No. 148610) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 17YN067).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the continuation and inclusion of additional baseline studies does not change the general scope of the 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 are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150391>.

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,



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