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Dear Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Gillis, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Maksagak, and Mr. Ullrich:

RE: NPC File # 149360 [Aston Bay Property or Storm Project]

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

1. Mineral exploration: Renewal and amendment of the Type B water license 2BE-STO1520 and the Type A Land Use Permit N2015C0014 for the continuation of exploration activities. No change in scope of work is proposed. The NWB amendment is requesting an increase in the water allowance, from 82 m³/day (2 m³/day for camp and 80 m³/day for drilling) to 299 m³/day (10 m³/day for camp and 289 m³/day for drilling). In addition, Aston Bay is applying to increase the drilling area to include the entire currently permitted Project Extent.
2. Related NIRB FILE No. 10EN013, Related NWB File No. 2BE-STO1520.
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Somerset Island, approximately 73 km south of Resolute 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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on February 22, 2010 and on April 23, 2010 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 10EN013). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it 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/project-dashboard.php?appid=149360&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue', written in a cursive style.

Goump Djalogue, RPP, MCIP
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