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Dear Gizella Hejjas, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, William Patch, Carson Gillis, Luis Manzo, Jared Ottenhof, Janelle Kennedy, Adam Lewis, and Victoria Burdett-Coutts:

RE: NPC File # 150863 [The Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Horizontal Directional Drilling Feasibility Study]

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

1. **Summary description:** Project to undertake the feasibility study for the construction of a fibre optic cable in southern Nunavut. The cable will connect Kimmirut, Iqaluit, Kinngait and Coral Harbour from the Branching Unit in Salluit, Nunavik. Project activities include:
 - Geotechnical (Borehole drilling, thermistors).
 - Geophysical (Swath bathymetry (MBES), Side Scan Sonar (SSS), magnometer, Subbottom profiler (SBP), Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW), Seismic Refraction, Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT), Downhole Optical Televiwer (OTV) and/or Acoustic Televiwer (ATV)
 - Topographical survey (LiDAR, Ortho imagery)
 - 15 personnel, 45 days on site, 675 person days. From July 1, 2025, to November 4, 2026
2. **Location:** Qikiqtani and Kivalliq Regions; [various communities; Coral Harbour, Kinngait, Kimmirut and surrounding marine regions]

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 Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150863>.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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