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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Tracey McCaie, Luis Manzo, Richard Dwyer, and Brian May:

RE: NPC File # 151196 [Whale Cove Permanent Project Camp Expansion]

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

1. **Primary land use:** Advanced Mineral Exploration
2. **Project summary description:** Whale Cove Gold Corp is planning to continue with an advanced-stage exploration project (formerly referred to as Pistol Bay Project) near the community of Whale Cove, Nunavut. Planned activities include:
 - Increase the permanent camp capacity to a 100-person camp, and
 - As needed, operate a 20-person mobile camp on the Whale Cove Project Property.
 - WCGC will renew the Type B water license 2BE-PBP2025, leases and land use permits to reflect the camp expansion.
 - Increase the number of drills onsite and associated equipment.
3. **Summary of modification:** The purpose of this submission is to update the project geometries by incorporating an expanded exploration area corresponding to the updated property boundaries. Information for this area was not available during the previous submission under NPC File #150945. No other changes to the proposed project activities are being made.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos:** 148526, 149342, 149612, and 150945; **Associated NIRB File Nos:** 11EN027 and 21CN042

5. **Location:** Kivalliq Region [near the Hamlet of Whale Cove]

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 proposal and conformity determination was most recently issued on December 9, 2025. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 11EN027 and 21CN042).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification due to the increased intensity of mineral exploration activities, including expansion of the permanent camp to accommodate up to 100 people, a substantially larger project footprint, and a higher number of diamond drills and related equipment.

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 above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project.

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=151196>

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,



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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.