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Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0
Sent via email: info@nirb.ca

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Re: NIRB File No. 25EA086: KitIA comments regarding Tundra Copper Corp “Coppermine River Drilling Program” Project Proposal

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Dear Mr. Ehaloak,

Cambridge Bay
Ikaluktutiak
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The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on Tundra Copper Corp “Coppermine River Drilling Program” Project proposal. Please see the following comments from KitIA on the proposal at this time.

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• **Cumulative Effects**

The “Coppermine River Drill Program” has the potential to contribute to cumulative effects with the existing projects in this area: particularly on wildlife populations, habitat and Inuit land use. There is a growing number of exploration projects operating in this area bringing with it added levels of activities. Owing to the uncertainty of the potential for cumulative impacts, KitIA encourages NIRB to consider these potential effects in Project reporting.

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• **Timing and Wildlife Sensitivities**

KIA acknowledges the project’s field window (March 2026 to end of October 2026). Field crews should remain mindful of local wildlife sensitivity periods, including bird nesting and caribou calving, when finalizing travel dates and Project planning.

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• **Camp Operations**

KIA supports the low-impact, seasonal nature of the field camp. All waste, fuel containers, and temporary infrastructure should be incinerated or removed from the site at the end of each season. KitIA encourages adherence to “leave-no-trace” principles and recommends that all food, waste, and other potential wildlife attractants be securely stored in sealed, animal-resistant containers to minimize the risk of wildlife interactions.



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- **Coordination with Local Organizations**

Annual engagement with the Kugluktuk community is expected. KitIA encourages communication with the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) and Hamlet to share plans and gather local insight—especially regarding land use, wildlife observations, or cultural areas near Coppermine River.

- **Inuit Employment and Capacity Building**

The scope of the project offers a good opportunity for local hiring. KitIA encourages the team to prioritize Inuit employment for field support roles and to advertise these opportunities locally (E.g., Hamlet, HTO, etc.). Where possible, opportunities for community mentorship or training in exploration methods are also encouraged.

- **Inclusion of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ)**

KitIA supports efforts to incorporate Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ) into project planning. This may include use of Inuinnaqtun place names, observations of wildlife and land conditions from Elders and harvesters.

If you have any question regarding the attached submission, please contact the undersigned directly at khatogina@lands.kitia.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katrina Hatogina'.

Katrina Hatogina
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