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RE: NPC File # 150967 [Victory Lake] – Request to revoke referral to NIRB and confirm no screening required

Dear Mr. Vilela,

Thank you for your January 19, 2026 letter regarding NPC File No. 150967 (Victory Lake) in which you express your disagreement with the Nunavut Planning Commission's referral of your project proposal to the Nunavut Impact Review Board for screening, and request that the referral be revoked.

While the proposed activities belong to a class that is generally exempt from screening by the NIRB under Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, the Commission has additional responsibilities respecting the consideration of cumulative impacts under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*:

"80 (1) If a project is exempt from screening and the Commission has concerns in respect of any cumulative ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts that could result from the impacts of the project combined with those of any other project that has been carried out, is being carried out or is likely to be carried out inside the designated area, or wholly or partly outside the designated area, it must send the project proposal to the Board in order for the Board to conduct a screening of the project."

The NPC has an established Internal Procedure for Conformity Determination¹ that includes guidance in Appendix B for the consideration of potential concerns regarding cumulative impacts in this context. In general:

"Three criteria together must be met before a referral to the NIRB can be made: (i) the project must create an impact on a Valued Component, (ii) the impact could act cumulatively with those from other projects, and (iii) the resulting cumulative impact must be of concern."

The NPC's January 16, 2026 determination exercised this authority after consideration of the proposed activities in accordance with the guidelines set out in Appendix B of the procedure. The additional information you have provided

¹ https://www.nunavut.ca/sites/default/files/2020-10-23_revised_conformity_determination_internal_procedure.pdf

does not alter the findings of concern set out in that determination and the NPC will not revoke the referral to NIRB for screening under NuPPAA s.80(1).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'A' connected by a horizontal line.

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c.c. NIRB, NWB, CIRNC, KivIA