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Dear Calvin Ehloak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Jared Ottenhof, and Owen Wade:

RE: NPC File # 151218 [Remediation of the Former Isachsen High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS)]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Remediation
2. **Project summary description:** Contituation of the decommissioning and environmental remediation of the former Isachsen High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS), located on Ellef Ringnes Island, Nunavut. The site, which has been inactive since 1978, contains approximately 22 abandoned structures, fuel storage systems, waste disposal areas, and scattered debris across a 4.5 km². The purpose of the project is to address historical contamination and site hazards through the removal, treatment, and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous materials.
3. **Summary of modifications:** The proponent is planning a full-scale remediation of the site. The project also includes the development of supporting infrastructure, such as a borrow pit for aggregate production, temporary work camps, and transportation logistics. Existing waste disposal areas will be capped and stabilized to prevent environmental impacts.

4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 148587, 148718, 149785, 150017, and 150699; **Associated NIRB File No.:** 25UN029
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Isachsen High Arctic Weather Station]

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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the proposal, including fuel incineration (conformity determination issued April 11, 2025). This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 25UN029).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the inclusion full scale decommission and remediation activities as well as the addition of a quarry development component. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

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=151218>

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,



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Manager of Planning and Implementation,

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.