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Dear Mr. Cote, Mr. Kharatyan, Mr. Shoo, Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Belley:

RE: NPC File # 148247 Origin of Blue Spinel Occurrences in Southern Baffin Island, Nunavut: Implications for Local Gemstone Potential

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. 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 Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:
http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148247&sessionid=

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. If there is a significant modification to the project proposal, the proponent is required to re-submit the modified project proposal to the NPC. For reference, a significant modification may include:

- Any change to the location of the work or activity;
- Any change to the type of land use;
- Any change to the timing of the work or activity (e.g. seasonal changes);
- An increase or modification in a work or activity that, for example, requires changes to a land use permit from Class B to Class A or a water licence from Type B to Type A;
- Any change that disqualifies a project proposal from a previously applicable NIRB screening exemption provided in NLCA Schedule 12-1.

This list is non-exhaustive and is simply an example of what the NPC may consider to be "significant modifications" from a land use planning perspective.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 857-2242.

Sincerely,

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