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Dear Ms. Pugh, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. Ohokannoak, Ms. Van Dyck:

RE: NPC File # 148314 DRDC – Northern Watch Technology Demonstration Project (NWTD)

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

1. To demonstrate an Arctic maritime surveillance capability at Gascoyne Inlet.
2. Multi-year undertaking; surveillance system will be unmanned, semi-autonomous, and remotely controlled through a satellite system connection.
3. Annual trips to Gascoyne Inlet camp to prepare for the technology demonstration.

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on May 7, 2008, which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 08DN056). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was part of the original proposal and its inclusion is not a significant modification of the project.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148314&sessionid=>

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The applicant has undertaken to comply with the attached conformity requirements. 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 attached 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4632.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Savoy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jonathan Savoy
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