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Dear Ms. McCaie, Mr. Kharatyan, Mr. Cote, Ms. Ohokannoak, Dr. Lamoureux :

RE: NPC File # 148366 Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory (CBAWO)

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

1. Scientific Research: Long term environmental research facility initiated in 2003 and has continued each year since. Work focuses on seasonal investigations of primary processes in natural systems to improve our understanding of how these systems respond to change, particularly climate, permafrost and human development. Work involves a small camp and temporary installation of environmental sensors on the land and in the water. Sampling of water and soil are taken from numerous locations as part of research.

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 was first issued on February 3, 2003, then in July 2011 and most recently on March 18, 2016 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 03YN010). 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148366&sessionid=>

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) 979-8260.

Sincerely,



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