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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Osmond, Mr. Frenette :

RE: NPC File # 148380 [White Hills Exploration Project]

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

1. An amendment to project proposal # 148143 to extend mineral exploration activities to an adjacent Inuit-owned parcel, in an area known as the White Hills

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 current proposal for exploration activities in the amended location, and a conformity determination was issued on January 14, 2015 (for Kivalliq Inuit Association file KVL115B03). In addition, the NPC previously reviewed similar works and activities by the same proponent in several areas directly adjacent to the current proposal and a conformity determination was issued on October 21 2015 (NPC file 148143). This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 15EN050).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under Section 145 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* because it is not a significant modification to the original project.

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Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148380&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) 857-2242.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Scholz', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter Scholz
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