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Dear Mr. Cote, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Ohokannoak and Ms. Van Dyck:

**RE: NPC File # 148552- 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. For the technology demonstration annual trips to the Gascoyne Inlet camp will be required. Once the team has arrived to the camp their main tasks will include: conduct routine camp maintenance and conduct testing on equipment. The on-site team for the 2017 field season is expected to range from 10-20 persons, with the normal load being approximately 15 people. The duration of their time on site is expected to be 31 July 2017 – 1 September 2017.
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region- The existing camp is on the west side of Gascoyne Inlet approximately 110 Km West of the community of Resolute Bay, NU.

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 and most recently on June 27, 2016, 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 because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

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=148552&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Goump" and last name "Djalogue" clearly distinguishable.

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