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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Clark, Mr. Westlake:

RE: NPC File # 148585 Jericho Mine Site Stabilization Project

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

1. Site Cleanup/Remediation:
 - a. Remove the jetty in Carat Lake to create ~1207 m² of fish habitat. All infrastructure associated with the water intake jetty will be removed first before excavations take place.
 - b. As a contingency measure to aid in the removal of the frozen core West Dam, ~40,000 kg of explosives and ~250 kg of detonation may be used.
 - c. Activities to take place July 1-August 31, 2017.
2. Location: Kitikmeot Region; Jericho Mine Site
3. Associated NPC File No: 148350 Jericho Mine Site Stabilization Project

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 determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal, including the:

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- Transportation of equipment, fuel, supplies, and personnel to the site;
- Storage of fuel, oil, and chemicals at site for use towards stabilization activities;
- Use of existing site infrastructure, equipment, and supplies;
- Design and development of a new non-hazards landfill for use in site remediation;
- Establishment of a new land farm within the existing Phase I and II fuel tank farm areas;
- Remediation and demolition activities; and
- Long-term monitoring and sampling at site to ensure effectiveness of remediation (NIRB FILE NO. 16UN058).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because the use of explosives currently being proposed was not included in the original project description.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148585&sessionid=>

This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4634.

Sincerely,



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