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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Ms. Chisholm, and Mr. Harris:

RE: NPC File # 148616 [HMS Erebus 2017 -- Underwater Archaeological Survey and support for wreck site Guardian Program]

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

1. Scientific Research: This summer, Parks Canada's Underwater Archaeology Team wishes to conduct archaeological investigations involving actual site excavation in HMS Erebus wreck site.
2. Campsites: Establishment of a temporary camp on one of three islands in proximity to the site (outside the National Historic Site). Scientific diving would be conducted by a 6 person UAT dive team from a 5.30 m zodiac with a second 4.65 m inflatable available for security. The camp will also support 4 community members from Gjoa Haven who will be hired by Parks Canada as part of a new collaborative and ongoing Guardian Program intended to support seasonal monitoring of the wreck site area by local Inuit. The camp will also provide logistical support and emergency shelter for Adventure Canada zodiac-based visitors to the wreck site on September 9th.
3. Related NIRB file #: 15YN037.
4. Location: Kitikmeot Region; inside and in the proximity of Erebus and Terror National Historic site.

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 and is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). The project proposal does not require screening because the establishment of a temporary camp outside of the national historic site (under NPC's jurisdiction) belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement, and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

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=148616&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) 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.

Goump Djalogue
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