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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Clark, Mr. Williamson Bathory, Ms. Van Dyck:

RE: NPC File #148656 Operation Nunalivut 2018

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

1. Operation Nunalivut is a sovereignty operation conducted annually since 2007 in Canada's North. The overall aim is to further enhance the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) knowledge and capacity to operate in austere locations and challenging environments, while allowing the CAF to demonstrate their ability to effectively respond to safety and security issues in the Arctic. Operation Nunalivut 2018 will be conducted with patrols on the land, on the sea ice, underwater, and in the air. It will consist of approximately 300 CAF personnel and may be observed by international partners.
2. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Region; Cambridge Bay and surrounding area; Resolute and surrounding area

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, including:

- Mobilization of approximately 290 CAF personnel to each site;
- Support to the operations by approximately 175 personnel of the Canadian Ranger Patrol Groups from Taloyoak, Kugaaruk, Nauyasat, and Igloodik via ground and air transport;
- Establishment of a Task Force Headquarters in Hall Beach, including multiple temporary tents around site to support operations and personnel accommodations;
- Conducting patrols on land and on sea ice near Hall Beach;

- Conducting live fire exercise on the sea ice;
- Conducting dive operations near Resolute Bay by a 60 person Dive Team;
- Use of aircrafts including Twin Otters, Hercules and Globemaster and a helicopter to support military exercises;
- Use of land-based track vehicles and snowmobiles to support military exercises;
- Establishment and decommissioning of temporary camps to support operations, including dive operations, and patrol safety.
- Use of two (2) 5 kilowatt generators, one (1) compression chamber, portable heaters, and two (2) unmanned aerial vehicles;
 - Temporary storage, transportation and use of the following fuels and hazardous materials:
 - 3,895 and 820 litres of diesel at Hall Beach and Resolute Bay, respectively;
 - 3,895 and 410 litres of gasoline at Hall Beach and Resolute Bay, respectively;
 - 200 litres and 50 litres of engine oil at Hall Beach and Resolute Bay, respectively;
 - 20 litres of Naptha fuel for Coleman stoves in Hall Beach;
- Consumption of water from existing municipal facilities in Resolute Bay and Hall Beach for domestic purposes;
- Generation and management of wastes:
 - Grey water and sewage to be disposed of at existing municipal facilities;
 - Combustible and non-combustible wastes to be disposed of at approved waste disposal facilities in the nearest community; and
- Demobilization and removal of equipment and materials on completion of military exercises (conformity determination issued November 12, 2016).

This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 16DN063).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of a change in location of activities from Hall Beach to Cambridge Bay. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

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

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148656&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) 983-4634.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alana', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Alana Vigna
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