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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Cote, Ms. Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, and Ms. Michel:

RE: NPC File # 148679 - MAP (Multidisciplinary Arctic Program) - Last Ice

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

1. Scientific activity: As permanent ice cover recedes, the Last Ice Area will be essential for the communities that depend on ice-dependent species for food, shelter and cultural use. The overall objective of this project is to better understand the role of the multiyear ice (MYI) in the productivity and biodiversity of the Arctic Ocean, as well as in physical and biogeochemical processes that influence the cycling of energy and materials in and downstream of the Arctic Ocean.
2. Marine based activity: The activities include marine mammal survey with a Twin Otter, collect of ice cores using a small (9 cm) ice corer, and collect underice water samples with water sampling bottles (Niskin bottles), deployment of instrumentation attached to the sea ice to measure temperature, conductivity, light, and currents under the ice, as well as a weather station for air temperature, winds and precipitation. A temporary shelter will be installed on the ice for safety but the team plan to return to the shore station in Alert on a daily basis.
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; Alert, Last Sea Ice 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. 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 project proposal requires screening by the

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Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

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://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148679&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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue', with a stylized, cursive script.

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