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Dear Mr. Barry:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 2017 responding to recent correspondence concerning the definitions of "Project Proposal" and "Project" in the Nunavut Agreement and the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, and ask that you please excuse my delay in responding as I was waiting for the other Boards to submit their response.

I am pleased to hear that the guidance provided in the October 24, 2017 letter sent by the signatories of the Nunavut Agreement, clarified that the differences in wording do not result in activities, works or undertakings with *de minimus* impacts being required to be processed under the requirements of the Nunavut Agreement even though they would be exempt under the requirements of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*.

As for your request for guidance documentation for project developers, departmental officials are currently working on this and should be in contact with you in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and assistance in working through this issue.

Respectfully,

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