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Dear Ms. Lear, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Cote, Ms. Osmond, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. Pelletier, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Orman, Mr. Gilchrist, Ms. Holmes:

RE: NPC File # 148863 [Arctic-Nesting Shorebird Monitoring And The Effects Of Mining Disturbances]

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

1. **Review mining impacts on Birds in the Meadowbank area.**
2. **Modifications to the original project proposal: new research relating to timing of nesting vis. snowmelt**
3. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Meadowbank mine 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 (conformity determination issued Feb. 28, 2008), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including (NIRB FILE NO.: 08YN017). It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of new research areas and methods does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148863&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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) 857-2242.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Scholz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Scholz
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