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Dear Ms. Lear, Mr. Cote, TC, ISED, Ms. Rutishauser:

RE: NPC File # 148995 [Renewal of Airborne geophysical characterization of the Hypersaline Subglacial Lake Complex on Devon Ice Cap and their surrounding subglacial environment]

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

1. Some of the equipment associated with NPC file 148772 failed in the field. The proponent wishes to make a second attempt in 2019.
2. Scientific Research: Airborne survey to collect data to further investigate the geological, hydrological and glaciological framework of the Devon hypersaline subglacial lakes. Surveys will be considered over other ice caps on Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands, if weather restrictions limit survey flights over Devon Ice Cap.
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; Near the Communities of Resolute Bay et Grise Fiord; [Devon island, Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg Islands]

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and conformity determinations were issued on February 28, 2014 and March 22, 2018, file 148772, which still apply. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 14YN006). This project proposal is exempt from the

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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 it 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=148995&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 read 'Peter Scholz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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