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RE: NPC File # 149099 [Whale Cove area Exploration Projects]

1. Mineral Exploration: expansion of existing Whale Cove Area Exploration Projects
2. Associated NPC FILE No: 148647; Associated NIRB FILE No: 17EA068
3. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Whale Cove Area]

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 expansion of the area of exploration, (conformity determinations 148647 issued Nov 29, 2017 and 148849 issued May 31 2018). These conformity determinations still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 17EA068).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the significant increase in the land area that will undergo mineral exploration activities, and that those locations are within the designated Keewatin Caribou Protection areas. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP).

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The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

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 and previously amended proposals 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://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149099&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) 857-2242.

Sincerely,



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