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Dear Mr. Cote, Mrs. Maksagak, and Mr. Miller:

RE: NPC File # 149250 [Barnes Ice Cap Disappearing]

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

1. Scientific Research: The goal of our research is to determine whether the Barnes Ice Cap disappeared during earlier interglacials, or whether its disappearance is unprecedented in more the two million years. To address this question we will take small rock cores of bedrock at the margin of the current ice cap and analyze those rock cores for unusual nuclides that would have been created if the ice cap had disappeared in the past.
2. Associated NIRB FILE No: 09YN002 and 12YN014.
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region [approximately 170km South West of Clyde River]

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 a conformity determination was issued on January 14, 2019 and March 27, 2012. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 09YN002 and 12YN014).

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 under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was part of the original proposal and its inclusion is not a significant modification of the project.

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:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149250&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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue'.

Goump Djalogue
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