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**RE: NPC File # 149253 [OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020] – REVISED DECISION**

1. **Military exercises based out of Rankin Inlet and Resolute Bay.** Op NA-NU 20 will conduct patrols on the land, on the sea ice, and in the air. It will consist of approximately 300 CAF personnel and will include collaboration with international partners. To facilitate the conduct of Op NA-NU 20, JTFN will establish a Task Force Headquarters in Resolute Bay consisting of approximately 10 members with an additional 40 support personnel. In Resolute Bay, the Canadian Army will be supported by members of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (CRPG) for a total of approximately 200 personnel. Patrols will be performed on the sea ice in the vicinity of Resolute Bay, conducting training in arctic survival skills. Two live fire ranges will be conducted in the vicinity of Resolute. In Rankin Inlet a dive team consisting of approximately 60 personnel will conduct under-ice diving operations with international partners. Diving operation will also focus on ice breaching capabilities.
2. **Modifications to the original/amended project proposal:** New locations, but same overall activities and impacts.
3. **Associated NPC File NOs:**
  - a. 148197 (Operation Nunavut 2016, issued Feb. 8, 2016)
  - b. 148282 (Operation Nanook 2016, issued April 25, 2016)
  - c. 148373 (Operation Nunavut 2017, issued Nov. 12, 2016)

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- d. 148577 (Operation Nanook 2017, issued May 24, 2017)
  - e. 148656 (Operation Nunaliut 2018, issued Nov. 29, 2017)
  - f. 148867 (Operation Nunakput 2018, issued May 31, 2018)
  - g. 148932 (Operation Nanook 2018, issued Aug. 17, 2018)
  - h. 149149 (Operation Nunakput 2019, issued June 18, 2019)
4. Location: Qikiqtani & Kivalliq Region; [multiple locations]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

*On December 12, 2019, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) determined that this project proposal was not a significant modification and did not require screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). Since that decision, it has been highlighted that the proposal includes the use of explosives to cut through sea ice, which was not part of previous proposals. Therefore, the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification that requires screening by the NIRB, and the NPC retracts its December 12, 2019 decision.*

The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (including NIRB FILE NOs.: 16DN031, 16DN063, 16DN004). The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the use of explosive to cut through sea ice. It conforms to the Keewatin and North Baffin Regional Land Use Plans (KRLUP/NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP and Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

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 or 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:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149253&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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