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Dear Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Gillis, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Maksagak, and Mr. Murray:

RE: NPC File # 149434 [Application for Renewal of NWB Water Licence 2BE-MRY1421]

- **Related NPC File No.:** 148193 [Mary River Project Land, Freshwater, and Marine Based Monitoring Program]; [Mary River Phase 2 Expansion Project]; 148423 [Mary River 2017 Winter Sealift]; 148801 [Eqe Bay Exploration Program]; 148841 [Production Increase, Fuel Tank and Milne Port Accommodations - Project Modification to Project Certificate No. 005 - 08MN053]; and 149260 [Production Increase, Fuel Tank and Milne Port Accommodations - Project Modification to Project Certificate No. 005 - 08MN053].
- **Related NIRB File No.:** 08MN053 & 17UN012; Related NWB File No.: 2AM-MRY1325.
- **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Near the community of Pond Inlet].

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

1. Renewal of the Type "B" Water Licence 2BE-MRY1421 for exploration and geotechnical drilling activities under the Mary River Exploration Project. All of the activities listed under this renewal application have been

permitted in the past and are consistent with exploration and geotechnical drilling activities. It is reminded that all activities undertaken as part of this Mary River Exploration Project will be for exploration and geotechnical investigation purposes, and not production activities.

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. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on January 6, 2011, and on February 14, 2014 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 08MN053, 17UN012, Project Certificate No. 005). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement because the NPC is of the understanding that 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=149434&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,



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