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

1. Mineral Exploration: Continue mineral exploration-related activities. Exploration activities may include prospecting, geophysical surveys (ground based and airborne), diamond drilling, RAB/RC drilling, surface geochemical sampling, test pitting, trenching, geological mapping, and prospecting. Conduct environmental and heritage resources baseline studies on new nearby areas.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: Expansion of project areas for environmental baseline studies to undertake mapping and airborne geophysical studies utilizing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), as well as to deposit sewage water to a sump when corresponding domestic water use is <50 m³/day for temporary camps.

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

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including mineral exploration, drilling, airborne geophysical studies and a determination was issued on March 18, 2019 (NPC FILE NO.: 149067) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 07EN067, 14EN033 and 19EA019)

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the expansion of the study area, the use of unmanned aerial vehicles and the deposit camp sewage water to a sump does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended 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 are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149485&sessionid=>

This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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