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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Mr. Dwyer, McCaie, Ms. Osmond, Mr. Stubbing and Mr. Capponi:

#### RE: NPC File No: 149465 [Meadowbank Precious Metal Property]

- Related NPC FILE No: 148482 [Meadowbank Precious Metal Project]
- Associated NIRB FILE No: 17EN020; Associated NWB FILE No: 2BE-MPM1722.
- Location: Kivalliq Region; [ about 100 km northeast from the community of Baker Lake]

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

1. <u>Mineral exploration:</u> Continuation of exploration activities. 5530 Nunavut Inc. proposes to drill 15,000 to 20,000 m, with up to four drills and construct a 20-person seasonal camp with the ability to increase to a 40-person camp for future programs. Structures for the proposed camp will include 10 sleeper tents, 1 medical tent, 1 kitchen, 1 dry (with showers), 1 office tent, core shack, generator shack, incinerator and outhouses/pacto systems.

2. <u>Summary of modification:</u> Intensification of drilling to 15,000 to 20,000 m with up to four drills, construction of a new campsite, and increase of fuel storage.

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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, including prospecting, exploration, drilling, temporary campsite, and fuel storage, and a conformity determination issued on March 15, 2017. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 17EN020).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the construction of a campsite for 3600 person-days use, the fuel storage and use of over 425x205L barrels of different fuel types and 25 X100 lb of propane, as well as the water license and land use permit amendments. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). 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 or previously amended proposal 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=149465&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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

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