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Dear Talia Maksagak, Tracey McCaie, Richard Dwyer, Brenda Osmond, and Paul Sobie:

RE: NPC File # 149463 [Turquetil-Esker Drilling Program]

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

1. Drilling operations
2. Geophysical surveys
3. Associated NPC FILE No: 148281, 148647, 149316, 149385; Associated NIRB FILE No: 16EN035.
4. Summary of modification: New location for drilling at Henik Lake not covered in previous permits and number of person days increased to 1440.
5. Location: Kivalliq Region [Huckleberry-002 MEA at the Turquetil Gold Deposit, and at pending claim F46702 at the Esker Gold Occurrence]

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 drilling, geophysical surveys, trenching, installation of exploration camp (conformity determination issued November 22, 2017 and June 19, 2020). This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 16EN035).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because drilling operations were not included for the Henik Lake Project (NPC File# 149385) and the number of person days increased to 1440. 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 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=149463&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) 949-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue', written in a cursive style.

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