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Dear Ms. D'Amours-Gauthier, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Charge, Mr. Stubbing, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Maksagak, and Ms. Coutts:

RE: NPC File No. 149513 [Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure - Deep Sea Port]

- Related NPC FILE No. 148305, 148429, and 149115.
- Related NIRB FILE No. 16YN041 and 17XN021.
- Location: Qikiqtani region; [coast of the City of Iqaluit within the municipal boundaries]

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

1. Marine Infrastructure: Additional marine geotechnical drilling program program to be undertaken within the Deep-Sea Port footprint and water withdrawal Niaqunguk River (maximum 30 m3/day).

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

The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including baseline geotechnical studies and the construction of the new Deep-Sea Port and a determination was issued on September 16, 2016 (NPC file No. 148305), February 15, 2017 (NPC file No. 148429), and May 14, 2019 (NPC File No. 149115) 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.: 16YN041 and 17XN021).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of additional geotechnical investigation in the existing project area footprint and the withdrawal and use of water of up to 30 m3/day from Niaqunguk River 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=149513&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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