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Dear Ms. McCaie, Ms. Chisholm, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Dwyer, and Guardian Coordinator:

**RE: NPC File # 149567 [HMS Erebus and HMS Terror Inuit Guardian Program (Wrecks of HMS Erebus and HMS Terror NHS)]**

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

1. Establishment of a temporary camp near each of the Erebus and Terror wreck sites: the proposed project is to implement the fifth year of the Wrecks of HMS Erebus and HMS Terror Guardian Pilot Project started in 2017. The focus of the 2021 project includes the following activities:
  - Establishing a temporary camp near each of the Erebus and Terror wreck sites;
  - Monitoring the Erebus and Terror wreck sites from land and water, including on foot, by all-terrain vehicle and small motorized and non-motorized vessel (including but not limited to: dingy, life boat, motor yacht, inflatable, cuddly boat, etc.) to the Erebus and Terror wreck sites;
  - Recording and reporting observations including weather, marine traffic in vicinity of the sites, wildlife and archaeological resources;
  - Undertaking traditional land-based activities including traditional harvesting and knowledge sharing between Inuit Elders, adults and youth; and
  - Recording 360-degree video while patrolling by boat for the purpose of producing a virtual interpretative tour of the Erebus and Terror wreck sites and surrounding area. The tour will integrate

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Inuit knowledge into site operations for the purpose of enhancing visitor experiences, outreach and education while building capacity in the development of virtual tours.

2. Associated NPC File Nos: 148616, 148878, 149196 & 149388; Related NIRB File No. 15YN037
3. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Gjoa Haven area]

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 project proposal and a decision was issued on July 17, 2017 (NPC File No. 148616), June 7, 2018 (NPC File No. 148878), July 24, 2019 (NPC File No. 149196) and July 14, 2020 (NPC File No. 149388) 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. 15YN037).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it 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=149567&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) 983-4640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.A.', with a stylized flourish extending from the 'A'.

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