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Dear Mr. Dwyer, Ms. Maksagak, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Ottenhof, Mr. Clark, Ms. Rahmer:

RE: NPC File # 149657 [ARCTIC OPERATIONS 22]

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

- 1) Annual military training operations that involve the mobilization of approximately 100 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and foreign military personnel for six (6) training weeks;
- 2) Military training activities to be conducted via distance learning and a five-week residency based out of the Canadian Armed Forces Arctic Training Centre (CAFATC) in Resolute. Additional activities include:
 - a) Patrol deployments to a variety of Nunavut communities in cooperation with the Canadian Rangers;
 - b) Erection of tents structures for students and Rangers. A maximum of three tents will be erected in each bivouac location;
 - c) Undertake land-based military operations including land survival training, dismounted movement, mounted movement, live fire small arms training, and patrolling. Land based activities will take place on the land and adjacent sea ice surrounding several communities, in an operations box with a 300 km radius centered on ten (10) local communities in Nunavut; and
 - d) Conduct three ranges with static shooters and static targets at a distance of 100m-600m, depending on the range. Targets will be made with wood, cardboard, and paper.

2. Associated NPC File Nos: 149615; 148373 and 148656
3. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk Regions; [multiple locations around Cambridge Bay; Gjoa Haven; Taloyoak; Kugaaruk; Resolute Bay; Arctic Bay; Pond Inlet; Grise Fjord; Igloolik; and Hall Beach]

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 (conformity determination issued November 29, 2017, November 12, 2016, and November 2, 2021), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File Nos.: 16DN063 and 16DN004). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the currently proposed activities 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149657&sessionid=>

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) 983-4625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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