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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Michele LeBlanc-Havard, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, Talia Maksagak, and David Willis:

**RE: NPC File # 149733 [Chidliak Project - Research Licence Continuation]**

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

1. Renewal of Research License associated with the Chidliak Project:
  - a. Multi-year (2022-06-01 to 2025-06-01) continuation of in-depth environmental baseline studies for the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement.

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2. Associated NPC File No: 148195, 148386, 148680, 148874; 148977
3. Associated NIRB FILE No: 08AN008, 09YN041 and 11EA050
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [120 kilometers northeast of Iqaluit]

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 has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including studies related to terrestrial, atmospheric, aquatic, and the human environment, and a determination were issued on February 3, 2016, December 8, 2016, January 5, 2018, May 31, 2018, and December 14, 2018 (NPC file 148195, 148386, 148680, 148874; 148977). In addition, the works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 08AN008, 09YN041 and 11EA050).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the renewal of the research license to continue the environmental baseline studies does not change the general scope of the original and 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=149733&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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