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Dear Talia Maksagak, Mosha Cote, Tracey McCaie, Michele LeBlanc-Havard, Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Jane Chisholm, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof and Alexandre Normandeau:

RE: NPC File # 149732 [REDUCING RISK TO COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND OFFSHORE INFRASTRUCTURES CAUSED BY MARINE GEOHAZARDS AND SEISMICITY]

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

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1. Scientific research expedition to investigate the stability of the seabed in fjords near Grise Fiord. Project activities will include:
 - a. Collection of seabed sediment samples (2 m long gravity cores), seafloor photographs and video, information about the shape of the seabed, and sub-bottom imaging. Instruments will be the same as those used during the 2013, 2018 and 2019 expeditions. The research will take place onboard the Government of Nunavut vessel Nuliajuk.
2. Associated NPC FILE No: 148488, 148842 and 148172; Associated NIRB File No: 13YN021.
Summary of modification: Change in geographic location of project (addition of Grise fiord and surrounded waters)
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Between the community of Grise Fiord and Mittie Glacier]

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 seafloor sampling and sub-bottom imaging, last conformity determination issued on June 12, 2019. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 13YN021).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the changes to the location of the project. 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 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 or previously amended 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=149732&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 (867 979-3444)

Sincerely,



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