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

**RE: NPC File # 149790 [OP NUNAKPUT 2022]**

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

- 1) Military Operation: Continue to undertake land patrols with maritime and air operations as part of the DND joint Task Force (North) (JTFN) operation to strengthen security and demonstrate Canadian control in the Arctic region through surveillance and presence operations in collaboration with members of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) the Canadian Army (CA), the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), civilian researchers from Defense Research and Development Canada (DRDC), a robust Distinguished Visitor (DV) Program, international participants and several media organizations.
- 2) Modifications to the original/amended project proposal includes:
  - JTFN will establish a Joint Task Force Headquarters (JTF HQ) and Joint Task Force Support Contingent (JTFSC) in Cambridge Bay, NU. The total maximum number of personnel to be accommodated in Cambridge Bay, NU at any one time will be 240. The Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) will arrange to take on fuel via barge or resupply ship in the vicinity of Cambridge Bay. The RCN may operate a Forward

Logistics Site (FLS) in Cambridge Bay to embark and disembark personnel and equipment and food to RCN vessels.

- Use of three (3) military vessels to transport Small land task force (LTF) personnel between Pond Inlet and other arctic communities.
  - Small contingent(s) from the robust Distinguished Visitor (DV) Program may visit Pond Inlet to interact with visiting RCN vessels.
  - The RCN may operate a FLS in Pond Inlet to embark and disembark personnel and equipment to RCN vessels.
  - The LTF may also operate a small group in the vicinity of Pond Inlet.
- Small Land Task Force (LTF) contingents consisting of up to 12 personnel will deploy forward to Presence Locations in the vicinity of the Dolphin and Union Strait, Cambridge Bay, and the Victoria Strait and in the vicinity of Pond Inlet, NU (Eclipse Sound).
- Undertake land-based patrols and monitoring at different presence locations in section-sized groupings with enablers. Each section grouping is expected to consist of no more than 12 personnel, although a larger grouping of approximately 30 personnel may operate in the vicinity of Cambridge Bay for part of the operation. The maximum length of time that any LTF grouping will bivouac in any one presence location will be seven days.
- Establishment of a small-arms range in the vicinity of Cambridge Bay. The range would involve the C6 (7.62mm machine gun), C7 (5.56mm rifle), C9 (5.56mm machine gun), C19 (7.62mm rifle), .303 Lee Enfield and 12 gauge shotgun.
- Undertake air operations using up to two CC-138 Twin Otter and two CH-146 Griffon aircraft, support equipment and up to 40 personnel.
- Undertake strategic and tactical lift operations using CC-177 Globemaster, and CC-130 Hercules, CC-138 (Twin Otter), CH-147 (Griffon) aircrafts to provide transportation and resupply from southern Canada into Cambridge Bay, Resolute, and Pond Inlet. Civilian rotary-wing or fixed-wing aircraft may be contracted to supplement this capability. One or more civilian medevac aircraft may be contracted to support this operation.
- International participation of up to 40 personnel will be conducted as part of this operation.

3) Associated NPC File Nos: 149551, 148867 and 149149; Related NIRB FILE NO.: 16DN031.

4) Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk Regions

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and conformity determination was issued on May 31, 2018, June 18, 2019, and May 6, 2021 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 16DN031). 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=149790&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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' with a horizontal line extending from the 'A'.

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