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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Robert Chapple, Alexander Stubbing, Daniel Haney, Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Tracey McCaie, Ryan Calvery, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof and Chileab Yue:

RE: NPC File # 149893 [UnderSea Fibre Optic Cable Installation]

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

1. Marine-based activities associated with the construction of an undersea communication corridor (submarine cables).
2. Summary of Modifications:
 - a. A pre-construction marine route survey of the selected undersea cable route is planned to occur during the period June to November 2023. The survey will use side-scan sonar equipment, a sub-bottom profiler, gravity core sampling equipment, and other equipment as necessary to detect undersea substrate and terrain features, areas subject to ice scour, and potentially ecologically sensitive areas, and will assist in refining the final route.
3. Associated NPC File No: 148937, 149185, and 149398
4. Associated NIRB File No: 18UN050
5. Location: Qikiqtaaluk Region; [South Baffin communities, Hudson Strait]

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, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board including installation of undersea cables, construction of landing sites, transportation of cargo material, and operation and maintenance of submarine cables (NIRB FILE NO.: 18UN050). The NPC has previously reviewed works and activities associated with this project and the last conformity determination was issued on July 28, 2020, which still applies.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the planned marine route survey does not change the general scope of the original 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=149893&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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