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Dear Mosha Cote, Richard Dwyer, Jared Ottenhof, Tracey McCaie, Francis Emingak, and Benoit Beauchamp:

**RE: NPC File No: 150041 [Arctic carbonates, sandstones and volcanic rocks, Northern Axel Heiberg Island, Nunavut]**

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

1. Scientific Research: Investigation of different rock units of carbonate, sandstone and volcanic rocks that have recorded important interplay between large forces some 280 million years ago in the area. About 50 small rock samples (less than 0.5 kg each) will be collected for geochemical and microscopic analysis. Samples will be collected with a geological hammer and will be catalogued and preserved in Calgary by the Geological Survey of Canada. No fossils will be collected. Three temporary personal tents and a tent for storage and cooking will be erected at three different camp sites.
2. Related NPC FILE No: 148243, and 149710; Related NIRB FILE No. 10YN009

3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Ellesmere Island, approx. 490 km Northeast of Grise Fiord]

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 a conformity determination was issued on April 14, 2016, and March 8, 2022, which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 10YN009). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it 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=150041&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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