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Dear Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, Tracey McCaie, Francis Emingak, and Victoria Burdett Coutts:

RE: NPC File No: 150133 [Government of Nunavut Offsetting Field Program]

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

1. Marine Based Research: Post-construction field studies to support monitoring programs. Activities includes Intertidal surveys, Subtidal Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) surveys, Fish and invertebrate collection (Arctic char, sculpin, Arctic cod, amphipod), Macroalgae collection, Plankton survey, Water and sediment quality surveys, Aerial drone survey, Benthic infaunal collection, Drogue survey, and Bathymetric surveys.
2. Summary of Modifications: Remote Operated Vehicles surveys and Aerial drone surveys.

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3. Related NPC file Nos: 148306, 148372, 148432, 149101, and 149507; 148305, 148429, 148431, 149115, 149124, and 149508.
4. Related NIRB File Nos: 16YN046 and 17XN030; 16YN041, 17XN021 and 17XN022
5. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [coastal area of Iqaluit and Pond Inlet]

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 conformity determinations issued which still apply. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including environmental and geotechnical investigations as well as water, sediments, fish habitat, oceanographic, migratory and marine birds, and terrestrial vegetation and rare plants studies (NIRB FILE NO.: 16YN046, 17XN030, 16YN041, 17XN021 17XN022). 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 inclusion of aerial drone and remote operated vehicles surveys 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 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=150133&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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