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NPC File No. 151307

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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Jared Ottenhof, and Romain Assie-Rio:

RE: NPC File # 151307 [Hyperborea]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Land Expedition
2. **Project summary description:** The proponent will embark on a 717km trek on skis and pulka, between Clyde River and Pangnirtung.
3. **Summary of modifications:** The main change in the project scope is the removal of all scientific research activities. The proponent will no longer collect snow and ice samples to test for the presence of microplastics. No scientific research or subsurface land use activities will be undertaken as part of the expedition.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 150962
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Clyde River to Pangnirtung]

A complete description of the proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, including snow and ice samples collection to test the presence of microplastics. A conformity determination was issued on February 4, 2026, and the proposal was referred to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening. The proponent has since revised the project scope to remove all sample collection and associated scientific research activities.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this revised proposal falls within the exemption of certain works and activities from the definition of the term “project” under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* and from the definition of the term “project proposal” under the *Nunavut Agreement*. The

NPC only has a statutory mandate to review “projects/project proposals”. As such, the proposal is exempt from a review by the NPC and screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB).

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151307> .

This decision applies only to the above noted 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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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission’s statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC’s jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.