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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Maryse Mahy, Jared Ottenhof, and Amber Vidal:

RE: NPC File # 150868 [Operation Nanook-Takquniq 27]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Military training operations
2. **Project summary description:** Operation NANOOK-TAKUNIQ (Op NA-TK) is a force employment activity focused on Canadian Ranger integration and small-party patrols across Canada's Arctic. Unlike traditional Ranger patrols conducted for force generation, Op NA-TK emphasizes operational effects, specifically sensing and assurance. It is designed to leverage the Rangers' unique capabilities to enhance domain awareness and demonstrate persistent presence.
3. **Summary of modifications:** Utilizing light over snow vehicles, the Canadian Ranger Patrol Group will conduct a long-range patrol from Resolute Bay to Alert. An Air Task Force, supported by Twin Otters, will provide air support to the long range patrol with reconnaissance, troop and equipment transport, and pre-positioning of fuel
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 1148197, 148282, 148373, 148577, 148656, 148867, 148932, 149149, 149253, 149897, 150176, and 150845; **Associated NIRB File No.:** 16DN004, 16DN031, and 16DN063
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord, Slidre Fiord, Tanquary Fiord, Ward Hunt Island, and Alert]

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 and conformity determination was most recently issued on July 2, 2025, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including trainings, overland patrols, and air supports (NIRB File No.: 16DN004, 16DN031, and 16DN063). 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 small fuel caches and light over snow vehicle transport 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/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150868> .

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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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.