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Dear Mr. Savoy:

**RE: Application for Participant Standing**

The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines (the “Chamber”) is the leading advocate for responsible and sustainable mineral exploration and development in the NWT and Nunavut. Our key objectives are to encourage, assist and stimulate prosperous, orderly and environmentally responsible development and growth of mining and mineral exploration, in all modes and phases, in the NWT and Nunavut; inform the public of matters relating to mining and minerals exploration, and; seek the cooperation of all persons, associations, corporations and authorities, both public and private, to attain these objectives.

The Chamber is in receipt of the *Notice of Public Hearing on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan* and would like to apply for “participant status”. We believe our involvement is necessary to reinforce the importance of the land use planning process to economic development in Nunavut, and the critically important benefits that our industry can continue to bring to Nunavut and Nunavummiut.

Our proposed representatives are:

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The land use plan will be strengthened by recognizing that Nunavut is a vast, unpopulated area half the size of Europe with virtually no development. It should acknowledge that Nunavut’s comparative economic advantage lies in non-renewable resource development, and that geoscience data that might support development is sparse and far behind geoscience knowledge in established mining jurisdictions like Ontario and Quebec. In addition, the regulatory environment is robust, particularly so now that NUPPAA is in the final stages of being invoked. Creating a land use plan under such conditions requires

minimal permanent exclusion of land from development, and in fact should ensure the protection of non-renewable resource potential and access to it. Nunavut's future economic success will very much depend on its land use plan.

As a participant in this process, we will outline the key points of interest to the exploration and mining industry and provide focussed recommendations to ensure that the interests of the mineral sector are properly reflected. It is imperative that the land use plan be clear and unequivocal in expressing the critical role that the responsible development of mineral resources must play to ensure the present and future socio-economic success of Nunavut and its citizens.

Please note we wish to be heard in English, and we intend to make both an oral and written submission. The most efficient and reliable address for service of documents is email: [generalmanagernu@miningnorth.com](mailto:generalmanagernu@miningnorth.com).

Should you have any questions, please contact me in the Iqaluit office at Tel: (867) 979-5291.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Kingston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "K".

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