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Dear Mr. Savoy:

RE: Submission to Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (Technical Meeting)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (“DNLUP”). The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines (the “Chamber”) wishes 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. We have outlined, by Chapter, the key points of interest to the exploration and mining industry and have provided focussed recommendations to ensure that the interests of the mineral sector are properly reflected.

The Chamber has reviewed the technical submissions of other parties that have been posted to the NPC draft plan to date, and supports the Government of Nunavut’s request that a record be provided as well as correspondence from NPC as to how they will address the recommendations made by various parties and any commitments made as a result of the discussions. As per NTI’s correspondence of June 11, 2015, it may not be appropriate to proceed with a Prehearing Conference until a revised plan has been produced by NPC which takes into account the information gathered during the Technical Meeting.

While we have not enclosed any technical reports with our comments at this stage, we may provide additional technical information to the NPC at a later date depending on the outcome of the discussions at the Technical Meeting.

It is imperative that the DNLUP 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. We hope the attached detailed comments provide clarity to our specific concerns, and look forward to participating in the upcoming Technical Meetings / Prehearing Conference.

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kingston
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