



May 16, 2016

Jonathan Savoy, Senior Planner
Nunavut Planning Commission
P.O. Box 2101
Cambridge Bay, Nunavut X0B 0C0

Email: jsavoy@nunavut.ca

Dear Mr. Savoy:

RE: Comments on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

In anticipation of the next steps in the development of the Nunavut Land Use Plan (the "NLUP"), 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.

The attached submission outlines the key points of interest to the exploration and mining industry. We have attempted to provide focussed recommendations to ensure that the interests of the mineral sector are properly reflected. You will note some sections are depicted in red text. These are areas that have been acknowledged in the *"Considerations for Potential Refinements to the 2014 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (January 2016)"*. However, we are unclear as to whether the Nunavut Planning Commission (the "NPC") fully understands, recognizes, or intends to utilize these recommendations. The remaining comments in the attached are chiefly comprised of points made in previous submissions (i.e. June 20, 2015 and again on January 16, 2016) and which we consider to remain outstanding.

It is imperative that the NLUP be clear and unequivocal in expressing the critical role that the responsible development of mineral resources plays in achieving a vibrant mining and exploration sector and increased investor certainty in Nunavut. The Chamber does not consider the attached comments to be exhaustive and may provide additional technical information to the NPC at a later date.

We look forward to participating in the upcoming Prehearing Conference(s). As a principal stakeholder in the land use planning process, we would also welcome the opportunity to meet with the NPC separately to discuss our specific concerns and recommendations. Should you have any questions, please contact me in the Iqaluit office at Tel: (867) 979-5291.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kingston
General Manager – Nunavut