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Nunavut Planning Commission
P.O. Box 2101
Cambridge Bay, Nunavut X0B 0C0

RE: Comments on the 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Dear Commissioners,

Fury Gold Mines through our 100% owned subsidiary, North Country Gold Corp., hold the rights to 237 Mineral Claims and 57 Mineral leases across two project areas covering a combined 350,160 hectares in the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions of Nunavut. Over the past 6 years the company has invested over \$50 million into exploring the mineral potential of Nunavut. Of that total expenditure nearly \$15 million was spent with Nunavut based businesses. Additionally, nearly \$900,000 in wages were paid to Nunavummiut workers.

As an exploration company only working seasonally in Nunavut our impact on the economy is significantly less than our peers operating producing mines, however as you can see from the numbers above even smaller exploration stage projects are important to the Nunavut economy.

Our concerns with the 2021 Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan are based on the restrictive nature across vast portions of Nunavut which fall into either Limited Use or Conditional Use designations. In all land use planning there needs to be a balance between social, environmental and economic factors. Sterilizing vast amounts of Nunavut for future exploration activities does not balance these three pillars.

The provision of protecting existing rights does not allow for further project growth or development. Additionally, the only Existing Rights defined in the Draft Plan are those that are within Limited Use and Conditional Use areas. This complicates projects and properties that currently fall within Mixed Use areas as they are not defined as existing rights and could be compromised with any future amendments to the Draft Plan. We believe it is critical that all current valid Mineral Claims, Mineral Leases and Prospecting permits be included in the existing rights of the Draft Plan in order to maintain investor confidence in Nunavut. Additionally, provisions need to be included that allow for future expansion and development of these projects as well as to allow for continued

exploration in Nunavut as demands for specific metals and minerals shift with advances in green technology and the shift to a Green Economy.

Protecting “existing rights” now does not allow Nunavut the flexibility to become a key player in the Green Economy. As technology advances the demand for specific metals and minerals will change and Nunavut could be left out of being a significant part of Canada's innovation if future explorers are not able to prospect and explore the most favourable locations for the metals and minerals demanded by green technologies.

Nunavut is an extremely diverse and rich territory that further benefits from a wealth of natural resources unknown in other parts of Canada. Some of these natural resources currently have huge economic benefits for Nunavut; Gold, Iron Ore and diamonds to name a few, and others may have even greater economic and environmental benefits years into the future; Lithium, Copper, Nickel, Cobalt again just to name a few.

In closing, we stress again that it is crucial to strike a balance between social, environmental and economic factors when contemplating such a far reaching and ambitious Land Use Plan. It does not have to be either Conservation or Development, these two facets can and do coexist within Canada and around the World.

Thank you for your consideration,



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