



Appendix I

Template for Responses/Comments to any written submission

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	NPC REGISTRY FILE #	SECTION OF THE SUBMISSION	YOUR RESPONSE/COMMENT
1	21-201E-2023-02-10	Section 6 – Existing Rights	We concur with the general premise of this section of the submission by the Government of Canada that existing rights and interests of resource developers needs to be taken into account and protected in any Land Use Plan. The perspective of CAPP and our members is that while Nunavut’s exact oil and gas reserves are still unknown, our industry believes there is much potential in certain areas of the territory for new significant oil and natural gas discoveries. Several significant oil and gas discoveries were made in the high arctic region of Nunavut in the 1970’s and 1980’s and remain of considerable interest. These significant discoveries are still held under licences by oil and gas companies today who collectively have spent billions of dollars in exploring and investing to obtain these licenses. These license holders would need access to the lands in those areas in order to exercise their rights in conducting further exploration and assessing future development and investment. The proposed prohibitions and restrictions in the Draft Land Use Plan, would nullify the collective and individual licence holder rights that they expended



			<p>considerable financial resources to obtain and would be considered an expropriation of the licences with no compensation and with possible legal implications.</p> <p>CAPP supports this submission’s general views on Existing Rights and in our submission have recommended that the Draft Land Use Plan be revised to avoid areas of high oil and gas potential and areas on or close to where significant oil and gas discoveries have been made in order to allow for future investment and responsible development of Nunavut’s natural resources.</p>
2	21-194E-2023-02-10	Section 5 – Existing Rights and Interests	<p>We concur with the general premise of this section of the Joint submission of the NTI, Government of Canada and Government of Nunavut that existing rights and interests of resource developers needs to be taken into account and protected in any Land Use Plan. The perspective of CAPP and our members is that while Nunavut’s exact oil and gas reserves are still unknown, our industry believes there is much potential in certain areas of the territory for new significant oil and natural gas discoveries. Several significant oil and gas discoveries were made in the high arctic region of Nunavut in the 1970’s and 1980’s and remain of considerable interest. These significant discoveries are still held under licences by oil and gas companies today who collectively have spent billions of dollars in exploring and investing to obtain these licenses. These license holders would need access to the lands in those areas in order to exercise their rights in conducting further exploration and assessing future development and investment. The proposed prohibitions and restrictions in the Draft Land Use Plan, would nullify the collective and individual licence holder rights that they expended considerable financial resources to obtain and would be considered an expropriation of the licences with no compensation and with possible legal implications.</p> <p>CAPP supports this submission’s general views on Existing Rights and in our own submission have recommended that the Draft Land Use Plan be revised to avoid areas of high oil and gas potential and areas on or close to where significant oil and gas discoveries have been made in order to allow for future investment and responsible development of Nunavut’s natural resources.</p>

3	21-192E-2023-02-10	Section 3 – Existing Rights and Interests	<p>We concur with the general premise of this section of the submission by the Government of Nunavut that existing rights and interests of resource developers needs to be taken into account and protected in any Land Use Plan. The perspective of CAPP and our members is that while Nunavut’s exact oil and gas reserves are still unknown, our industry believes there is much potential in certain areas of the territory for new significant oil and natural gas discoveries. Several significant oil and gas discoveries were made in the high arctic region of Nunavut in the 1970’s and 1980’s and remain of considerable interest. These significant discoveries are still held under licences by oil and gas companies today who collectively have spent billions of dollars in exploring and investing to obtain these licenses. These license holders would need access to the lands in those areas in order to exercise their rights in conducting further exploration and assessing future development and investment. The proposed prohibitions and restrictions in the Draft Land Use Plan, would nullify the collective and individual licence holder rights that they expended considerable financial resources to obtain and would be considered an expropriation of the licences with no compensation and with possible legal implications.</p> <p>CAPP supports this submission’s general views on Existing Rights and have recommended in our own submission that the Draft Land Use Plan be revised to avoid areas of high oil and gas potential and areas on or close to where significant oil and gas discoveries have been made in order to allow for future investment and responsible development of Nunavut’s natural resources.</p>

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