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Dear Sharon:

RE: MMG Submission to Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Thank you for providing MMG with the opportunity to submit comments on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (DNLUP). We waited until after our participation in the NPC community sessions in Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay to ensure that this submission was informed by any feedback provided by the communities located closest to the Izok Corridor Project. In the attached table, we have provided our detailed comments with particular focus on the Recommendations in the draft plan. Our general reflections are provided in this letter.

We appreciate the simplicity and clarity of the two-zone land classification system used in the draft plan. We understand that for the NPC conformity decision, Schedule A lands have development restrictions, while all other zones (Schedule B lands) are open to development and that application of the land use plan Recommendations will be addressed in the subsequent regulatory process. We appreciate that this approach facilitates process certainty and transparent decision making.

MMG is supportive of the Chamber of Mines submission to the NPC. As mentioned by the Chamber, the plan is not heavily prescriptive and complements the regulatory process in Nunavut. MMG also likes the fact that the proposed land use plan is not retroactive and prior conformity decisions will not be re-visited.

MMG would like to ensure that the economic opportunities and interests are fully represented in the plan in order to support well informed and balanced decision making. MMG recommends that the next version of the DNLUP expand on the Recommendations for Chapter 5 and Chapter 6, as follows:

- Recommendations and maps should include areas of high mineral potential and any mining projects in the Kitikmeot (e.g., the Izok Corridor Project is missing); and,
- Recommendations and maps should be included for existing and proposed transportation corridors (both land and marine routes).

Finally, as requested MMG is providing spatial data for the Izok Corridor Project in shapefile format with this submission. The proposed project has a land component including two mine sites and a deep water port linked by an all-season road, and a marine component featuring the shipping lanes from Grays Bay, leading both east and west through the Northwest Passage to international shipping lanes.

In closing, if you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Heidi Klein (Heidi.Klein@mmg.com). We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the planning process and look forward to further collaboration.

Yours sincerely



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