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Dear Mr. Boyd;

Manitoba Denesuline have reviewed and discussed the Nunavut Planning Commission's (NPC) request for information regarding preparation of a land use plan for Nunavut. Please find attached a map describing Manitoba Denesuline land use in Nunavut. The map represents the best available information at this time and as such should be viewed as incomplete and subject to future revisions.

We understand the NPC is guided by the provisions of the NLCA in undertaking the process of preparing the Nunavut Land Use Plan (NLUP). Notwithstanding 40.1.2(b) of the NLCA, the provisions of the NLCA, do not adequately recognize the rights and interests of the Manitoba Denesuline in Nunavut. This inadequacy was one of the key factors which precipitated the Samuel/Thorassie litigation. As you are aware, Manitoba Denesuline have asserted rights and interests in Nunavut which differ significantly from Article 40.

We would like to discuss with NPC arrangements for our inclusion in the NLUP process that reflects our asserted rights as per the Samuel Thorassie Statement of Claim, recognizes the progress made over the last 10 years of negotiations with Canada, GN, NTI and KIA and results in Manitoba Denesuline being treated in a manner similar to the Inuit. We believe such discussions would benefit greatly if we were able to disclose to NPC all relevant details of our negotiations. Unfortunately, confidentiality agreements with the other parties prevent us from doing so without the permission of those parties. We believe sharing of these relevant details with NPC would be facilitated if NPC requested additional information regarding the Manitoba Denesuline negotiations directly from the other parties (Government of Canada,



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Government of Nunavut, NTI & KIA). We look forward to discussing these ideas with you further. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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c.c. Ron Roach, Chair NPC