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Dear Ms. McCaie, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. Chisholm, Ms. Lear and Ms. Tarasoff:

# <u>RE:</u> NPC File # 148878 [HMS Erebus and HMS Terror Inuit Guardian Program (Wrecks of HMS Erebus and HMS Terror NHS)]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

- Temporary Camp Sites for Tourism based activities: the proposed project is a continuity of the Erebus and Terror Guardian Program Pilot Project started in 2017. The purpose of this year project is to establish temporary trial Guardian camp near Terror and Erebus sites for team of Inuit Guardians. Local communities have requested permanent structures at each Base Camp. Although this will not occur in 2018, the Guardian experiences at the temporary camps will inform the location and design of the permanent base camps. When the permanent base camps are planned, a new project proposal will be submitted.
- 2. Related NPC File No: 148616 and 148618; NIRB File No 15YN037.
- 3. Location: Kitikmeot Region [Near the wrecks of HMS Erebus and HMS Terror ]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

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The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal including the short pilot trips, the establishment of a temporary camp, and the training program for teams of Inuit guardians at both Erebus and Terror sites and a determination was issued on July 17, 2017 (NPC file 148616 and 148618) that, it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 15YN037).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of new temporary campsites does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address: <a href="http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148878&sessionid">http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148878&sessionid</a>=

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

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