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Dear Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Mr. Stubbing, Mr. Charge, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Maksagak, and Ms. Kean:

RE: NPC File # 149192 [Quark Canadian Arctic 2019]

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

1. Marine Based Tourism Activities: Renewal for Quark Canadian Arctic Expedition operating with the m/v Ocean Adventurer (formerly Sea Adventurer) cruise ship carrying a maximum of 120 passengers and a minimum of 20 staff. Passengers will use the ship as a floating platform to enjoy the scenery of the area. Once or twice per day the passengers will disembark the ship by Zodiacs to go ashore in wilderness areas or communities. Alternatively, they may join a Zodiac cruise or participate in a kayaking activity.
2. Related NPC FILE No: 148267, and 148941; Related NIRB FILE No. 05AN089
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Multiple locations near the communities of Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic bay, Gise Fiord and Resolute Bay]

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

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on April 17, 2014, June 7, 2016, and August 30, 2018, which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 05AN089). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was part of the original proposal and its inclusion is not a significant modification of the project.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149192&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue'.

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