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Via email: [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca)

**RE: 16TN052 – Silversea Cruises Ltd. - MS Silver Explorer, North Atlantic Adventure – NIRB Screening**

Attention: Jaida Ohokannoak

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board regarding the above-mentioned screening and is providing the following comment. ECCC's specialist advice is provided based on our mandate, in the context of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

The Proponent, Silversea Cruises Ltd., is planning to visit seabird colonies in the Hudson Strait. ECCC recommends that the Proponent follow ECCC 'Guidelines to Avoid Disturbance to Seabird and Waterbird Colonies in Canada' as their primary measure to avoid impacts to migratory birds. These guidelines are available here: [http://www.ec.gc.ca/paom-itmb/default.asp?lang=En&n=E3167D46-1#\\_007](http://www.ec.gc.ca/paom-itmb/default.asp?lang=En&n=E3167D46-1#_007). (Reference: EIA – MS Silver Explorer, Section 3.3.8 Avoidance of Harmful Interference with Biota)

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4744 or [loretta.ransom@canada.ca](mailto:loretta.ransom@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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PRE: 1470023 - Silver Explorer - MS Silver Explorer North Atlantic Adventure - MIRB screening

Attention: Loretta Ransom

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EIA - MS Silver Explorer Section 3.3.8 Avoidance of harmful interference with birds