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To: The Honourable Marc Garneau
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Re: Screening Decision for Silversea Cruises Limited “MS Silver Explorer, North Atlantic Adventure” Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region

Dear Mr. Marc Garneau and Ms. Monia Ell-Kanayuk:

On July 4, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Silversea Cruises Limited’s “MS Silver Explorer, North Atlantic Adventure” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission).

Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal and assigned it file number 16TN052.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of Silversea Cruises Limited “MS Silver Explorer, North Atlantic Adventure” project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the NuPPAA.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB has determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated September 1, 2016 to the responsible Minister(s). The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB assessment process, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: MS Silver Explorer, North Atlantic Adventure
- NIRB File No.: 16TN052
- Application No.: 124689

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB’s Director, Technical Services, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: NIRB 16TN052 (September 1, 2016)