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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Natalie D'Souza, Caroline Whittle, Christopher Gerlach, Cory Barker, Jared Ottenhof and Jaime Campbell:

RE: NPC File No: 151089 [Silver Wind - Arctic Cruise 2026]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine-based Tourism
2. **Project summary description:** Silversea Cruises Ltd. will be transiting though the Northwest Passage and making stops in various locations of the Nunavut Settlement Area. The vessel specializes in luxury adventure cruising and carries a maximum of 250 passengers and 230 crew members. The intention for the majority of calls is to either anchor or stop offshore and land passengers ashore using the vessel's Zodiacs. The Zodiac

tours would allow passengers to explore remote shores where there are no docking arrangements. Once passengers are landed ashore, they will be able to explore the location they are visiting in small groups.

3. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 148268, 148533, 148810, 149015, 149028, 149786, 150000 and 150341;
Associated NIRB File No.: 14AN024 and 16TN052
4. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Port-of-call Qikiqtarjuaq, Cape Mercy, Port-of-call Pangnirtung, Lady Franklin Island, Monumental Island, Kinngait, Lower Salvage Islands and Port-of-call Iqaluit]

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 most recently issued on April 30, 2024, which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 14AN024 and 16TN052). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151089>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

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,



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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.