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Dear Mr. Emingak, Ms. LeBlanc-Havard, Ms. Whittle, Mr. Gerlach, Ms. Kuliktana, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Smith:

RE: NPC File # 150000 [Silver Wind - Arctic Cruises 2023]

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

1. Marine-Based Tourism Activities: Silversea Cruises Ltd. is proposing to transport passengers and crew members to locations in Nunavut, the NWT and Yukon and to transit through the Northwest Passage. The cruise will visit Pond Inlet and Edinburgh Island between August and September 2023. 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. No flora, fauna, soil, artifacts, remains or other material will be disturbed or collected for research purposes. As well, no structures will be erected, and no equipment or other debris will be left ashore.

2. Associated NPC File Nos: 148268, 148533, 148810, 149015, 149028, and 149786; Associated NIRB File Nos: 14AN024, 16TN052.
3. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions; [Pond Inlet and Edinburgh Island with other locations]

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 conformity determinations were issued (most recently on June 1, 2022) which still apply. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 14AN024 & 16TN052). The above noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that currently proposed activities 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/project-dashboard.php?appid=150000&sessionid=>

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SA' with a stylized flourish.

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