



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 16TN039**

NPC File No.: 148484

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To: Lisa Pirie-Dominix
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Crystal Cruises LLC's "MS Crystal Serenity – Crystal Cruises LLC Northwest Passage 2017" Project Proposal, Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions, NIRB File No. 16TN039

Dear Lisa Pirie-Dominix:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change for Crystal Cruises LLC's "MS Crystal Serenity – Crystal Cruises LLC Northwest Passage 2017" project in the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions, dated June 9, 2017.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed." Contravention of section 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Jenny Klengenberg, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4621 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Klengenberg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jenny Klengenberg
Environmental Administrator

cc: John Stoll, Crystal Cruises

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 16TN039)