



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 13AN014

Project Name: The “Students on Ice 2018 Arctic Expedition” project
Proponent Name: Students on Ice
Project Type: Access Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125265
Comment Deadline: **April 3, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Students on Ice 2018 Arctic Expedition” project is located within the Qikiqtani region (North Baffin). The Proponent intends to conduct an educational cruise to various North Baffin communities, places of cultural importance, and wildlife areas, including migratory bird sanctuaries. The program is proposed to take place from July to August, 2018. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Transportation and accommodations for up to 200 passengers, staff, and crew aboard the MS Ocean Endeavour cruise vessel;
- Use of 20 zodiacs (small boats) to facilitate shore landings, passenger transfer, and sightseeing excursions
- Landings via the cruise vessel or zodiacs in the following communities, wildlife areas, and locations of archaeological and cultural importance within the Nunavut Settlement Area:
 - Pond Inlet; Sirmilik National Park; Qaiqsut; Bylot Island; Cape Coutts; Cape Graham Moore; Button Point; Cobourg Island; Grise Fiord; Devon Island; Dundas Harbour; Croker Bay; Beechey Island; Prince Leopold Island; and Resolute

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 13AN014 to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Kofi Boa-Antwi, Technical Advisor II, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kboaantwi@nirb.ca.