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Dear Ms. Chisholm, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Mr. Stubbing, Mr. Charge, Mr. Williamson Bathory, Ms. Lear, and Mr. Green:

RE: NPC File # 149040 [Students on Ice 2019 Arctic Expedition]

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

1. Tourism Activities: Cruise ship and land-based journey in the Arctic for 125 Canadian and Internal students with 100 staff members between July 30 and August 6, 2019.
2. Modifications to the original/amended project proposal: addition of two new locations (Sophie Cove and Philpots Island) as alternate sites in case weather conditions does not permit to the initial planned locations.
3. Associated NPC File No: 148221, 148553, and 148699; Associated NIRB file No: 13AN014

4. Location: Qikiqtani Region [around the communities of Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, and Grise Fiord and some of the marine and coastal sanctuaries].

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 NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and conformity determination issued on April 24, 2013, on February 25, 2016, on February 20, 2017, and most recently on February 15, 2018, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including visits in and around Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, and Grise Fiord as well as some of the nearby marine and coastal sanctuaries (NIRB FILE NO.: 13AN014).

It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of visits to Sophie Cove (east of Resolute Bay) and Philpots Island (south east of Grise Fiord), 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:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149040&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) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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