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Dear Mr. Emingak, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. LeBlanc-Havard, Mr. Stubbing, Ms. Nleya, Mr. Clark, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Smith:

**RE: NPC File # 149969 [L'Austral 2022 - Arctic Cruise Voyages]**

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

1. Marine-Based Tourist Activities: The vessel specializes in luxury adventure cruising and carries a maximum of 264 passengers and 139 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 vessel carries a fleet of 10 to 12 seat Zodiacs, which 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.: 148270, 149151, and 149796; Associated NIRB File No: 13AN028.
3. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk Regions; [various locations]

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 conformity determinations were issued on May 23, 2019, and June 3, 2022 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 13AN028). This project proposal is exempt from the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) under Section 235 of that Act. 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=149969&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

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 be 'S.A.', with a horizontal line extending to the left.

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