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Related to NIRB File No.: 08AN072

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Re: Notice of Screening for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Hanseatic Inspiration - Expedition Canadian Arctic and North Greenland 2023" project proposal

Dear Kate Smith:

On June 4, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Hanseatic Inspiration - Expedition Canadian Arctic and North Greenland 2023" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan and the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. The NPC noted that the last conformity determination issued on May 26, 2023, for the activities associated with the current proposal continues to apply and has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of a change in itinerary that identifies new community visits.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and section 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that are sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **08AN072**, the NIRB views this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and has assigned this proposal file number **23TA035**. Please reference this file number in all future related correspondence. A summary of the previously screened project activities can be found in [Appendix A](#).

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

The following table provides a summary of the *original* project as previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 08AN072):

<i>Original Project:</i>	Hanseatic Cruise Vessel
<i>Region:</i>	The project as previously approved was located within the Qikiqtani region.
<i>Location:</i>	Northwest Passage
<i>Closest Community:</i>	Pond Inlet, Cambridge Bay, Arctic Bay
<i>Summary of Project Description:</i>	The Project as originally screened included visits to Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, and Cambridge Bay. Subsequent amendments included visits to locations in the North Qikiqtani Region. A complete description of the scope of activities previously approved has been included within Appendix A .
<i>Original Project Timeline:</i>	August and September 2008

The following table provides a summary of the current *amended* project as proposed by F.K. Warren:

<i>Amended Project:</i>	Hanseatic Inspiration - Expedition Canadian Arctic and North Greenland 2023
<i>Region:</i>	The project would be located in the same area as previously approved and would be located within the Qikiqtani region, with additional visits to Grise Fiord and Eureka
<i>Location:</i>	Qikiqtani Region
<i>Closest Community:</i>	Grise Fiord
<i>Summary of Project Description:</i>	The Proponent intends to amend the scope of previously approved activities to include additional visits to Grise Fiord and Eureka.
<i>Project Proposed Timeline:</i>	August to September 2023

According to the current project proposal, the scope of the amended project includes the following additional undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of the cruise vessel MV *Hanseatic Inspiration* to transport 400 passengers and crew for tourism, wildlife viewing, and landings at:
 - Eureka
- Use of 17 zodiacs to facilitate shore landings and guided excursions (interpretive walks, bird- and nature-watching, and hiking);

- Management and treatment of sewage, greywater, and non-combustible and combustible wastes on board the cruise vessel according to Canadian legislation.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125829 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaires*
- *NIRB's Online Application Form*
- *License and Authorizatiuon*
- *Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures*
- *Waste Disposal Regulations*
- *Maps of Shipping Route*
- *Table re Travel Dates*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by F.K. Warren project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 29, 2023**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125829.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'KM' followed by a long horizontal line.

Keith Morrison
Manager Impact Assessment
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachments: Appendix A: Previously-Screened Project Proposals

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
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APPENDIX A: PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSALS

The original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08AN072) was received by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) on July 8, 2008. The NPC noted in its referral to the NIRB that the project proposal conformed to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. The project proposal was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*. On July 24, 2008, the NIRB issued a screening decision pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* to the Minister of Environment, Government of Canada, which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Hapag-Lloyd Kreuzfahrten's (the Proponent) original "Hanseatic Cruise Vessel" project proposal was located in the Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot regions. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct vessel-based tourism activities with stops at Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, and Cambridge Bay.

According to the previously screened project proposal, the scope of the project included the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Cruise ship voyage in Nunavut's waters;
 - Ice-strengthened passenger ship the *MV Hanseatic*, with capacity of 200 passengers/crew
- Wildlife viewing using zodiacs in the waters adjacent to the Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary and Nirjutiqavvik (Coburg Island) National Wildlife Area;
- Landings in the communities of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay and Cambridge Bay
 - Guided tours arranged within each community

Subsequent conformity determinations by the Commission for the project expanded the scope of the project to include landings at:

- the communities of Clyde River and Grise Fiord;
- Sam Ford Fjord, Dundas Harbour, Pim Island, Hans Island, Fram Fjord, and Beechey Island.