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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Natalie D'Souza, Caroline Whittle, Christopher Gerlach, Cory Barker, Jared Ottenhof and Jaime Campbell:

RE: NPC File # 151087 [HANSEATIC INSPIRATION - Canadian Arctic 2026]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Marine-based Tourism
2. **Project summary description:** Hanseatic Inspiration, a cruise vessel owned and operated by Hapag-Lloyd, carrying up to 400 passengers will transit through Nunavut waters and visit several locations and municipalities across the northwest passage.
3. **Summary of modifications:** Addition of a stop Strzelecki Harbor, Prince of Wales Island

4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 149152, 149818, 149819, 149973, 149975, 150367, 150632; **Associated NIRB File Nos.:** 08AN072 and 23TA035
5. **Location:** Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions; [Teddy Bear Island, Mangak Island, Port Epworth, Ross Point, Murray Island, Port-of-Call Cambridge Bay, Jenny Lind Island, Port-of-Call Gjoa Haven, Pasley Bay, Strzelecki Harbor, Beechey Island and Croker Bay]

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 (conformity determination issued February 10, 2025), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including wildlife viewing and shoreline stops (NIRB File No.: 08AN072 and 23TA035). 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 addition of a stop on Prince of Whales Island 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. Furthermore, it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in an Exemption Agreement between the NIRB and the Government of Nunavut Department of Culture and Heritage (GN-CH) pursuant to Schedule 12-1 (item 7) of the Nunavut Agreement, and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

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:

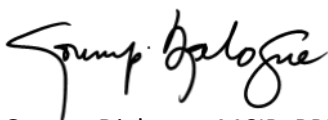
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151087>

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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