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Sent via email: [ops@fkwarren.ca](mailto:ops@fkwarren.ca)

**Re: Notice of Screening for F.K Warren Ltd.'s "NG Explorer – Northwest Passage 2023" project proposal**

Dear Kate Smith:

On May 24, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen F.K Warren Ltd.'s "NG Explorer – Northwest Passage 2023" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. On June 11, 2023, the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent.

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 s. 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 and has assigned it file number **23TA030** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

##### ***Project Scope:***

<b>Project:</b>	NG Explorer – Northwest Passage 2023
<b>Region:</b>	Qikiqtani (South Baffin)
<b>Location:</b>	Within the Northwest Passage, stops at Pangnirtung and islands around Pangnirtung
<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	The Proponent intends to conduct tourism activities involving wildlife sightseeing.
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	August 2023

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

- Operation of cruise vessel *NG Explorer*;
- Use of up to 11 zodiacs to facilitate shore landings and sightseeing excursions;
- Scenic cruising, shore landings and shore-based interpretive activities along the route;
  - Landings in Pangnirtung and then visits to Kekerton Island, Butterfly Bay, Monumental Island and Lower Savage Islands.
- Storage and use of fuel for vessel and zodiac operations;
- Generation of combustible wastes, and non-combustible wastes with disposal/recycling at a certified reception port; and
- Generation of sewage and grey water with treatment on board, disposal as per 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 [www.nirb.ca/project/125832](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125832) and include:

- *NPC Conformity Determination and Application*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures*
- *Table Re Travel Dates*
- *Waste Disposal and Treatment*
- *Map*

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 Ltd.'s project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 17, 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.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes<sup>1</sup> for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process at any time. Should the Proponent wish to discontinue the coordinated process, the Proponent may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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/125832](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125832).

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983 4622 or [motokiak@nirb.ca](mailto:motokiak@nirb.ca).

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<sup>1</sup> As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

cc: Distribution List  
Stephen Williamson Bathory  
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Caroline Whittle, Government of Nunavut – Department of Culture and Heritage  
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