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To:
The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)

Bergen 26.02.25

Short feedback on some comments from Transport Canada

Dear Sir/Madame,

We are grateful for you taking time to review our application and for comments we have received in return. Hereby some feedback on the comments from Transport Canada:

- Please note that all the mentioned Acts and Regulations to provide Canada's operational and regulatory regime governing marine safety and environmental protection matters are taken into account for the planning of this voyage.
- We will also meet all the regulations of its flag state concerning vessel safety, registration, inspection, and competency requirements for the crew. We have been preparing the ship for this specific voyage for more than two years and have been working closely with our flag state to align with both SOLAS and Polar certificate (for open waters). We will receive the polar certificate at the beginning of April, 2025 after a physical audit on board (the ship is out sailing now and the audit is first possible when the ship returns to her homeport at the end of March)
- Regarding the following comment: "The suitability of the vessel structure for navigation in ice, due to its age and the status of persons on board other than the main crew, needs to be determined and communicated to Transport Canada before entering the Canadian Arctic":
 - These matters are taken into account and we hope to get a meeting with Transport Canada in short time. We have close dialogue with Global Affairs by Pamela L. McKale/IGR (Military Overflight, Marine Vessel and Scientific Research Analyst, Security and Defence Relations Division, e:pamela.mckale@international.gc.ca). Pamela is assisting us with setting up a meeting with TC in short time. It is as important for us to have this meeting with TC to ensure all measures are taken into account before entering the Canadian Arctic.

Bergen 25.02.25

Fair winds,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Haakon Vatle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'V'.

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Haakon Vatle
CEO for the foundation of the tall ship Statsraad Lehmkuhl
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