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To: The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Foundation Statsraad Lehmkuhl's "Norwegian Tall Ship Through Northwest Passage and the Nunavut Region in 2025" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On November 7, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Foundation Statsraad Lehmkuhl's "Norwegian Tall Ship Through Northwest Passage and the Nunavut Region in 2025" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 24TN051.**

On November 20, 2024, the NIRB received a complete application and on January 20, 2024, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by February 10, 2025.

Due to the project proposal requiring validation of the scope and activities after additional detail that came out during the assessment, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **March 21, 2025**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126009.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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cc: Haakon Vatle, Foundation Statsraad Lehmkuhl
The Honourable Margaret Nakashuk, Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College