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**Re: Notice of Screening for F.K Warren's "Roald Amundsen Arctic Cruise 2025" Project Proposal**

Dear Kate Smith:

On February 20, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen F.K Warren's "Roald Amundsen Arctic Cruise 2025" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the proposed changes in the itinerary (e.g., visit to Qikiqtarjuaq and Nirjutiqavvik National Wildlife area). It conform to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

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 **25TN010** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

#### INFORMATION REQUEST

On February 25, 2025, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On March 3, 2025, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### **Project Scope:**

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126152](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126152).

<b>Project:</b>	Roald Amundsen - Arctic Cruise 2025
<b>Region:</b>	Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani
<b>Location:</b>	Northwest Passage
<b>Closest Community:</b>	Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Clyde River, Resolute, Grise Fiord, Pond Inlet, Qikiqtarjuaq, Pangnirtung
<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	The Proponent intends to conduct vessel-based tourism activities that would provide passengers opportunities to engage sightseeing, zodiac cruising, wildlife watching, shore landings for guided interpretive walks, and organized community visits.
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	Operations Phase: from 2025-08-14 to 2025-09-10

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

- Use of cruise vessel, the MS ROALD AMUNDSEN, for transportation and accommodation of up to 500 passengers/tourists, 150 crew members and approximately 20 expedition team members;
- Use of 10-12 zodiacs to transport passengers and expedition leaders for sightseeing;
- Tourism expedition visits include:
  - Jenny Lind Island, Coningham Bay, Fort Ross, Prince Leopold Island, Beechey Island, Croker Bay, Dundas Harbour, and Isabella Bay to visit sites and conduct wildlife viewing;
  - Pre-organized visits to the communities of Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Pond Inlet, and Qikiqtarjuaq;
- Use of 600 liters in 30-liter containers for use on zodiacs sourced from the cruise ship;
- 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 with 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/126152](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126152) and include:

- *Previous NPC Exempt from Screening*
- *2025 NPC Conformity Determination*
- *NIRB Application in multiple languages*
- *Ronald Amundson Map*
- *Itinerary*
- *2025 Schedule*
- *List of Firearms*
- *Sewage Certificate*
- *List of Equipment*
- *Project Summary*
- *Vessel Particulars*

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. project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 21, 2025**.

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](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/126152](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126152).

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at [femingak@nirb.ca](mailto:femingak@nirb.ca) or Kelli Gillard, Acting Manager, Impact Assessment at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (6): Public Notice of Screening (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)  
Comment Forms (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)

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