



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25TN014

Project Name: The “Viking Octantis – Canada Arctic 2025” project  
Proponent Name: F.K. Warren Ltd  
Project Type: Tourism Region: Qikiqtani Region  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 126159  
Comment Deadline: **May 16, 2025**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Viking Octantis – Canada Arctic 2025” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, near Pond Inlet, Dundas Harbour, Beechey Island Cape Hay (Bylot Island), and Grise Fiord. The Proponent intends to conduct expedition cruises from Nuuk, Greenland to Nunavut with the aim to undertake tourism activities such as wildlife sightseeing (both ocean and land), and to undertake collaborative scientific research. The program is proposed to take place from August to September 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Sail to Nunavut on four (4) separate voyages starting and ending in Nuuk, Greenland on the cruise ship *Viking Octantis* with a maximum of 378 passengers and 262 crew
- Use of drones for navigational/scientific purposes and shooting marketing images
- Conduct scientific research aboard the expedition vessel with the use of a standard laboratory facilities
- Collect passive oceanographic environmental data while underway using a ‘Ferry Box’

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25TN014** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

**You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:**

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Kelli Gillard toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).