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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Hurtigruten AS's "MS FRAM The Northwest Passage - In the Wake of Great Explorers" Project Proposal**

Dear Honourable Ministers:

On June 4, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Hurtigruten AS's "MS FRAM The Northwest Passage - In the Wake of Great Explorers" 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. 18TN035.**

On June 4, 2018 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to subsection 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. On June 11, 2018 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On June 15, 2018 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 July 6, 2018.

Due to the high volume of screenings and other assessments currently before the Board, and recognizing the unavailability of Board Members during the NIRB's regular Board meeting this week, 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 that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **July 31, 2018** at which time a screening decision report will be submitted

to the responsible Ministers 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, 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/125338](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125338).

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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