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Via posting to the NIRB Registry

RE: NIRB File 125470/19TN032
MS ROALD AMUNDSEN – Northwest Passage – In the Footsteps of Roald Amundsen, from
Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Nome, Alaska USA, 20 August to 11 September 2019, Voyage
AMNWP1911

Dear Amal,

Thank you for your letter of 03 July 2019 which provided insightful comments to our project proposal before the NIRB.

I wanted to address your comments and provide a summary of our community engagement so far.

Since 2018 we have developed great connections with the communities that will only strengthen over the years to come.

As to how we have involved the communities in our project:

1. All of our interactions with the communities so far (outlined in the attached) have been done with a view to “how (Hurtigruten) will involve the communities of Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven and Cambridge Bay in its project”.
2. In addition to hiring Ashley Cummings (Pangnirtung) as a cultural interpreter who will join us on board MS ROALD AMUNDSEN, Hurtigruten has committed to hiring two interns (one from Gjoa Haven and one from Kugluktuk) from the most recent Government of Nunavut Cruise Training Initiative. They will work on board MS Fram in Greenland this summer. We have also committed to hiring a further four graduates for Antarctica 2019/20 and two more for Arctic 2020 season. Although not directly related to the MS Roald Amundsen project, we believe this shows the high level of commitment Hurtigruten has in developing economic opportunities for community members in Nunavut. All this will also serve to ensure that Inuit knowledge is incorporated into everything we do in Arctic Canada.
3. I think the attached file speaks well of our approach to “briefing community representatives on planned activities”. We pride ourselves in doing this effectively and with the utmost respect to the communities and their representatives.
4. We are committed to the idea of Community Guidelines as framed by AECO (Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators, www.aeco.no) and Cruise Nunavut and fully support the idea of community-specific guidelines. We have been, and will continue to be, involved in community workshops to develop these specific guidelines.
5. We are committed to “giving back” to the Nunavut and Northwest Territory communities we visit and will seek a variety of ways to do this as we move forward.



We again thank you for your comments. If you have any further questions/concerns, I would welcome hearing from you.

Best regards,

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