



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 19TN032**

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Hurtigruten's "MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage – In the Footsteps of Roald Amundsen" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot Regions

Dear Land Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport for Hurtigruten AS' (Hurtigruten) "MS ROALD AMUNDSEN: Northwest Passage – In the Footsteps of Roald Amundsen" in the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions, dated August 6, 2019.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Ministers that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister(s).

In the absence of a response from the Ministers, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed." Contravention of s. 75(1) of the *NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Andrea Omilgoitok, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4615 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 19TN032 (August 6, 2019)

cc:

- Karin Strand, Hurtigruten AS
- Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
- Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
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- Stephen William-Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- Alexander Stubbing, Government of Nunavut–Culture and Heritage
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