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Dear Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Ms. Chisholm, Ms. Nleya, Mr. Stubbing, Mr. Haney, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Maksagak, and Ms. Bradley Swan:

RE: NPC File No 149303[Lindblad Expeditions' National Geographic Cruise Ship 2022 Itinerary -resolution]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Marine-based Tourism activities: Lindblad Expeditions is exploring the Canadian Arctic in Nunavut by the cruise ship M/S National Geographic Resolution for the purposes of tourism between July 17-Aug 7, 2022. The activities to be undertaken during this visit may include walking/hiking, photography, kayaking, Zodiac

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cruising, scuba diving and operating a remote-operated vehicle. The following sites may also be visited: Prince Leopold Island, Bylot Island, Button Point, Nirjutiqavvik, Ninginganiq (Isabella Bay). The maximum capacity of the ship is 260.

2. Related NPC FILE No.: 148219, 148473, 148808 and 149122; NIRB FILE No.: 13AN020.
3. Location: Qiqiktani Region [various locations North Baffin]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and a conformity determination was issued on May 27, 2013, on February 24, 2016, on February 22, 2017, on April 17, 2018, and on April 30, 2019, which still apply. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE No.: 13AN020). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149303&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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