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Sent via email: ops@fkwarren.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Swan Hellenic Vega - Arctic Cruises 2022" Project Proposal

Dear Kate Smith,

On June 3, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Swan Hellenic Vega - Arctic Cruises 2022" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **22TN037** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On June 6, 2022, and June 15, 2022, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's Public Registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted on June 24, 2022, by the Proponent, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on June 24, 2022, requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal.

On June 28, 2022, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125721.

Project:	Swan Hellenic Vega - Arctic Cruises 2022
Region:	Qikiqtani
Location:	Tourism cruise of the North Baffin Region and Davis Strait areas with proposed visits to Pond Inlet, and Iqaluit with proposed visits to Bylot Island, Beechey Island, Dundas Harbour, Lady Franklin Island, and Akpatok Island.
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to conduct tourism activities involving wildlife sightseeing.
Project Proposed Timeline:	September - October 2022

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a small cruise vessel *SH Vega*;
- Use of 6-10 zodiacs to facilitate shore landings and sightseeing excursions;
- Scenic cruising, shore landings and shore-based interpretive activities along the route;
 - Landings in Pond Inlet, Iqaluit; Bylot Island, Beechey Island, Dundas Harbour, Lady Franklin Island, and Akpatok Island and
- Storage and use of fuel for vessel and zodiac operations;
- Generation of combustible wastes, and non-combustible wastes with disposal/recycling at a certified reception port;
- On-board incineration of combustible waste, if necessary; and
- Generation of sewage and grey water with treatment on board, disposal as per Canadian legislation.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125721 and include:

- *Voyage I Map*
- *Full Itinerary*
- *Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) Permit Application*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *NIRB Application*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by F.K. Warren Ltd.'s project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **August 2, 2022**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125721.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4603 or cpelletier@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (6): Public Notice of Screening (English, French and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, French and Inuktitut)

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