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Dear Natalie D'Souza, Caroline Whittle, Christopher Gerlach, Jared Ottenhof, Cassel Kapolak, and Kate Smith:

**RE: NPC File No. 150352 [NG Explorer – Arctic Cruise 2024]**

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

1. Marine-based Tourism, Renewal: Arctic cruise aboard NG Explorer for wildlife observation & sightseeing along east coast Baffin Island. The operator, Lindblad, has not changed any policies related to environment, wildlife, nautical operations since the 2023 season.
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
  - a. 3 days over period 2 to 4 September 2024
  - b. 267 personnel for a total of 801 person-days
3. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148219, 148473, 148808, 149122, 149303, 149815, 149990, 149993
4. Associated NIRB File No.: 13AN020
5. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [North Baffin, port-of-all at Qikiqtarjuaq, south along coast of Baffin Island towards Monumental Island and out of Nunavut Settlement Area]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC on May 23, 2023. In addition, the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 13AN020).

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 previously amended 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 are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150352>.

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Goump Djalogue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

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