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Dear Tina Nleya, Daniel Haney, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Alexander Stubbing, Carson Gillis, Geoff Clark, Jared Ottenhof, Talia Maksagak, and Kate Smith:

RE: NPC File # 149796 [L'Austral 2022 - Arctic Cruise Voyages]

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

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1. **Marine-based Activities:** luxury adventure cruising expedition (m/v L'AUSTRAL) carrying a maximum of 264 passengers and 139 crew members will transit Nunavut waters and visit several communities during August-September 2022. Itinerary below:
 - a. Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland from July 27, 2022 to August 9, 2022; with stops in Baffin Island.
 - b. Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland from August 9, 2022 to August 25, 2022; with stops in Baffin Island.
 - c. Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to Nome, Alaska from August 25, 2022 to September 15, 2022; stops at various location throughout the Northwest Passage.
2. **Tourism Activities:** Zodiac cruises, sea kayaking, and shore excursions which may involve guided walks/hikes, wildlife viewing, visiting historical monuments and/or observing areas of geological interest or striking scenery.
3. Related NPC FILE No: 148270, 149151; Related NIRB FILE No. 13AN028
4. Location: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk [several communities, and islands throughout the Northwest Passage]

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 23, 2019 which still applies. In addition, the activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 13AN028). 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 or 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149796&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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