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OPINION OF JEROME KURTZ, ESQ. CONCERNING THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF THE

P&O PRINCESS- ROYAL CARIBBEAN DUAL LISTED COMPANY STRUCTURE

I have been retained by Carnival Corporation to analyze the tax implications of the proposed transaction between Royal Caribbean Cruise Ltd. and P&O Princess Cruises, plc., and to compare my analysis to certain disclosures made in the offering circulars and other public statements released by each company.

To summarize my views, I believe that RCCL and Princess misstate the tax risks that flow from the implementation of the proposed DLC structure and inaccurately represent that both companies will continue to be exempt from United States income taxes under Section 883 of the Internal Revenue Code and the proposed regulations thereunder if the transaction is approved. In fact, there is a substantial risk that some portion of each company's income, which is now tax-exempt, will lose its tax exemption under Section 883 of the Internal Revenue Code if the proposed DLC structure is implemented.

MY ANALYSIS

I understand, based on my review of publicly available information, that the directors of RCCL and Princess have entered into an Implementation Agreement and a Joint Venture Agreement for the purpose of effecting a DLC structure between RCCL and Princess. The board of directors of RCCL circulated to its shareholders a proposal and proxy statement recommending

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approval of the DLC structure (the "RCCL

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Circular").(1) Similarly, the board of directors of Princess distributed to its shareholders a proxy circular recommending approval of the DLC structure (the "Princess Circular.") (2)

If the transaction is adopted as currently proposed, RCCL and Princess would continue to operate as two separate and independent companies. Each company's stock would trade independently of the other on the stock exchanges on which it currently trades. RCCL and Princess each would pay taxes on its own income. (Implementation Agreement Ex. A(3); RCCL Circular at 22, 48-49; Princess Circular at 6, 125, 144.)

At the same time, according to the RCCL and Princess Circulars (the "Circulars"), "Royal Caribbean and P&O Princess will operate and be managed as if they were a single unified entity." (RCCL Circular at 55-56; Princess Circular at 145.) Although RCCL and Princess would continue to have separate boards of directors, the directors for each company will consist of the same twelve individuals: Princess would designate six directors and RCCL would designate six directors. (Implementation Agreement P. 4.8.2.) Similarly, the profitability of one company will directly impact the value of the other company because the respective distribution, dividend, and voting rights of RCCL and Princess shareholders are determined by an Equalization Ratio. (Implementation Agreement Ex. A; RCCL Circular at 50-51; Princess Circular at 145-46, 151.)

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- 1 A copy of the RCCL Circular can be found at http://media.corporate-ir.net/media_files/NYS/rcl/reports/2002proxy.pdf.
 - 2 A copy of the Princess Circular can be found at <http://www.poprincess.com/files/RCPcirc.pdf>
 - 3 The Implementation Agreement is attached to the RCCL Circular.

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The Circulars emphasize the financial benefits of the DLC structure. According to the Circulars, one of the purposes of the DLC structure

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is to "create opportunities for significant cost savings and other financial and operating benefits through the planned integration of the two companies' operations." (RCCL Circular at 1; Princess Circular at 6, 118.) The Circulars state that, as one of the "principal benefits" of the DLC structure, the companies will realize combined savings "estimated to be at least" \$100 million annually. (RCCL Circular at 16, 47-48; Princess Circular at 6, 118, 124.) The Circulars further state that the costs of the DLC structure implementation will be \$65 million. (RCCL Circular 35; Princess Circular at 130.) The Circulars do not take into account the tax liabilities that each of RCCL and Princess may incur if the DLC structure is approved.

According to the Circulars, both RCCL and Princess currently enjoy the benefits of Section 883 of the Internal Revenue Code, which effectively exempts the companies' incomes from U.S. federal income tax. (SEE 26 U.S.C. ss. 883.) The Circulars state that "Royal Caribbean and P&O Princess do not believe the DLC merger will adversely affect their ability to continue to claim exemption from United States federal income tax under Section 883 with respect to income derived from or incidental to the international operation of ships." (RCCL Circular at 22; Princess Circular at 125.) Similarly, in calculating pro forma income statements of the DLC structure, the Circulars assume that RCCL and Princess will not have any additional income tax expenses as a result of the DLC structure. (RCCL Circular at 24-25; Princess Circular at 136.)

A foreign corporation is exempt from United States federal income tax on income derived from the international operation of ships if it (1) is incorporated in a

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jurisdiction that provides an equivalent exemption to United States corporations; and (2) meets one of three tests relating to its shares or its shareholders. (26 U.S.C. ss. 883(a)(1) and (c)) (the "Tax Exemption"). A

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foreign corporation meets the shares or shareholder test if (i) more than half of its share value is ultimately owned by individuals who reside in foreign countries that afford equivalent exemption to U.S. corporations; (ii) its stock is "primarily and regularly traded" on an established securities market in its country of incorporation, another foreign country granting the "equivalent exemption" described above, or the United States, or (iii) it is a "controlled foreign corporation." (SEE 26 U.S.C. ss. 883(c).)

According to the Circulars, RCCL and Princess each rely solely on the "primarily and regularly traded" basis for asserting that each is entitled to the Tax Exemption. (RCCL Circular at 21-22, 75, 89; Princess Circular at 19-20, 66, 124-25.) The IRS has proposed regulations under Section 883 that set forth several requirements for a company's stock to be considered as regularly traded for purposes of Section 883. One of the requirements is that:

one or more classes of stock of the corporation that, in the aggregate, represent 80 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of such corporation entitled to vote AND of the total value of the stock of such corporation are listed on [an established securities market or markets as described in clause (ii) of the preceding paragraph] during the taxable year. SEE 65 F.R. 6065, 6081 (2000) (to be codified at 26 C.F.R. ss. 1.883-2(d)(1)(i)) (the "Proposed Regulation") (emphasis added).

The Circulars, however, inaccurately quote the Proposed Regulation. Specifically, the Circulars state that "[s]tock will be considered 'regularly traded' on an established securities market under the proposed Section 883 regulations if (i) stock

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representing 80% or more of the issuer's outstanding shares (by voting power OR value) is listed on the market and is traded on the market, other than in de minimis quantities, on at least 60 days during the taxable year..." (RCCL Circular at 21; Princess Circular at 124-25 (emphasis added).)

The Circulars, apparently relying on the misquotation of the

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Proposed Regulation, assure RCCL and Princess shareholders that "Royal Caribbean and P&O Princess do not believe the DLC merger will adversely affect their ability to continue to claim exemption from United States federal income tax under Section 883 with respect to income derived from or incidental to the international operation of ships." (RCCL Circular at 22; Princess Circular at 124-25.) In fact, less than eighty percent of the voting power of each company will be "regularly traded" as that term is defined in the Proposed Regulation and, therefore, under the Proposed Regulation, neither company will be eligible for the Tax Exemption.

Under the terms of the Implementation Agreement, RCCL and Princess each must issue a Special Voting Share ("SVS"), which will not be listed or traded on any stock exchange. In addition to other actions enumerated in Exhibit B of the Implementation Agreement, the SVS would vote in all elections regarding any "Joint Electorate Action." Joint Electorate Actions include, among other matters, elections for directors. (Implementation Agreement Ex. B.) It is generally accepted that, for federal tax purposes, "voting power" means the ability to vote for directors.

Each company must place its SVS in a Special Voting Company ("SVC"). The SVC is required to cast the SVS vote in each shareholder meeting to reflect the votes cast in the other company's parallel shareholder meeting. Based on the number of

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outstanding shares held by RCCL versus Princess shareholders and the contractual arrangement between the parties, RCCL's SVS would hold 50.7% of RCCL's voting power and the Princess SVS would hold 49.3% of Princess's voting power. (RCCL Circular at 5; Princess Circular at 6.) Thus, the publicly traded shares of RCCL represent only 49.3% of RCCL's voting power, rather than the 80% required in the Proposed Regulation. Similarly, the publicly traded shares of Princess represent only 50.7% of Princess's voting power rather than the 80% required. Contrary to the position that RCCL and Princess take in their circulars, neither company

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will satisfy the "regularly traded" basis for qualifying for the Tax Exemption under the Proposed Regulation.

RCCL and Princess may seek to assert, on the grounds of "substance over form" that the SVS arrangement does not constitute "stock" for tax purposes or otherwise should be viewed as complying with Section 883. However, neither Circular makes any such assertion and the courts generally have not been sympathetic to taxpayers arguing substance over form. Based on the case law, in my judgment, it is more likely than not that a court will not disregard for tax purposes the form that RCCL and Princess themselves chose.

If the Tax Exemption is lost as a result of the SVS, RCCL will be subject to U.S. income tax. Under Section 863(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. ss. 863(c)(2)), fifty per cent of all income derived from transportation (such as cruise ships) that begins or ends in the United States may be treated as income from United States sources. RCCL operates a significant number of ships that begin and/or end itineraries in United States locations. Up to fifty percent of the transportation income from these itineraries will be considered U.S. source income. Based on the foregoing, it

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is estimated that a substantial portion of RCCL's income would be treated as U.S. source income.

Section 884 of the Internal Revenue Code imposes an additional branch profits tax of 30% on the "dividend equivalent amount" of foreign corporations calculated based on the foreign corporation's after-tax U.S. source "effectively connected" income, adjusted for increases or decreases in its "U.S. net equity." (26 U.S.C. ss. 884.) If Section 883 does not exempt RCCL's income from United States taxation, some or all of RCCL's after-tax U.S. source income could be subject to a branch profits tax under Section 884. To the extent that branch profits tax would be due, RCCL's U.S. source income thus would be subject to a combined tax rate of approximately 55%. If any of RCCL's U.S. source income is not treated as "effectively connected" with the conduct of a trade or

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business, a 4% tax could apply to the gross amount of such income, unreduced by any deductions. (26 U.S.C.ss. 887.)

The RCCL Circular makes the inaccurate statement that "[w]hile qualification for exemption of a minor portion of U.S. source shipping income is not entirely free from doubt, P&O Princess believes that any U.S. federal income tax imposed on the non-exempt portion would not be material to P&O Princess as a whole." (RCCL Circular at 89.) Although Princess, as a U.K. company, may nonetheless enjoy benefits pursuant to a tax treaty in effect between the United States and the United Kingdom (the United Kingdom-United States Income Tax Treaty (the "Treaty")), subsidiaries of Princess that are not U.K. entities are not entitled to the benefits of the Treaty, and thus must claim exemption, if at all, under Section 883. If Princess cannot

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rely on Section 883 and its proposed regulations for exemption from U.S. tax liability, its non-U.K. subsidiaries will not be able to do so, either.

MY CONCLUSION

In my opinion, there is a significant risk that neither RCCL nor Princess's non-U.K. subsidiaries will qualify for the Tax Exemption under the Proposed Regulation, and therefore the Circulars materially misrepresent the tax liability that RCCL and Princess will likely incur if the DLC structure is approved by the shareholders.

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JEROME KURTZ'S LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Jerome Kurtz, Esq. was most recently a professor at New York University School of Law from 1991 to 2001. From 1995 to 1998, he was director of the Graduate Tax Program at New York University School of Law. From 1977 through 1980, he was United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, New York, and the District of

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Columbia, and has specialized in tax law all of his practice.

Professor Kurtz graduated from Harvard Law School in 1955. From 1958 to 1990, he practiced law in the tax departments of two major law firms, and the United States Treasury Department. He was an associate, partner, and Chairman of the tax department at the law firm of Wolf, Block, Schoor & Solis-Cohen from 1958 to 1976, except for the two and a half years when he was Tax Legislative Counsel in the United States Treasury Department. Professor Kurtz was a partner in the tax department of the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison from 1980 to 1990. In his 45 years of experience as a tax attorney, tax law professor, and tax administrator, Professor Kurtz has evaluated the United States tax implications of hundreds of proposed transactions.

Professor Kurtz has served on several committees that focus on tax-related legal issues. Among others, he served in the following leadership positions: Chair of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Council on Taxation, Chairman of the Tax Shelter Study Committee of the American Bar Association Section on Taxation, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Internal Revenue Service and Tax Court Budget and Appropriations of the American Bar Association Section on Taxation, President of the Center for InterAmerican Tax Administration, Chairman of the Tax Section of the

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Philadelphia Bar Association, and Member of the Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. He has also testified before numerous Congressional Committees as an invited witness on various tax laws, regulations, and proposals.

A complete copy of Professor Kurtz's curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

EXHIBIT A

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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, LL.B. (m.c.l.) 1955
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EMPLOYMENT

1991 - 2001 Professor, New York University School of Law
1995 - 1998 Director, Graduate Tax Program, New York University
School of Law
1980 - 1990 Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison,
resident in Washington, DC
1977 - 1980 Commissioner of Internal Revenue, U.S. Treasury
Department, Washington, DC
1969 - 1976 Partner and Chairman, Tax Department, Wolf, Block,
Schorr and Solis-Cohen, Philadelphia, PA
1966 - 1968 Tax Legislative Counsel, U.S. Treasury Department,
Washington, DC
1958 - 1966 Associate and Partner, Wolf, Block, Schorr and
Solis-Cohen, Philadelphia, PA
1956 - 1957 U.S. Army

TEACHING

1991 - 2001 Professor, New York University School of Law
1975 - 1976 Visiting Professor, Harvard Law School
1969 - 1974 Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Law School
1964 - 1965 Lecturer, Villanova Law School

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Chair, Council on Taxation, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1993
- 1995

Advisory Board, Little, Brown, Tax Practice Series, 1994 - 1996

Advisory Board, New York University Annual Tax Institute, 1988 - 1996

Consultant, American Law Institute, Federal Income Tax Project: Taxation of
"Pass-Through Entities," 1995

Advisory Panel, National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council,
Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, Advisory Committee to the
Internal Revenue Service, 1989 - 1995.

Chairman, Tax Shelter Study Committee, Section of Taxation, American Bar
Association, 1982 - 1984.

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Vice Chairman, Committee on Internal Revenue Service and Tax Court Budget and Appropriations, Section of Taxation, American Bar Association, 1983 - 1985.

Executive Committee - Tax Section, New York State Bar Association, 1981 - 1982.

Special Committee on the Lawyer's Role in Tax Practice, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1981 - 1982.

Co-Chairman, Advisory Board, N.Y.U. - IRS Continuing Education Program, 1982 - 1986.

Advisory Panel, National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, Committee on Research on Law Enforcement, 1987 - 1989.

President, Center for InterAmerican Tax Administration (CIAT) 1980.

Chairman, Tax Section of Philadelphia Bar Association, 1975 and 1976.

Member, Advisory Group to Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 1976.

American Law Institute, Member, Advisory Group, Federal Income Tax Project.

American College of Tax Counsel.

National Board, Common Cause, 1983 - 1989, Chairman, Finance Committee 1988 - 1989.

Board of Directors, American Civil Liberties Union - National Capital Area, 1990 - 1991.

Certified Public Accountant, Pennsylvania

Admitted to Bar, Pennsylvania, New York and the District of Columbia.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Treasury Department, Alexander Hamilton Award, 1980.

Treasury Department, Exceptional Service Award, 1968.

Editor, Harvard Law Review (1953 - 1955).

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