



NIRB File No.: 12MN001
NWB File No.: 2AM-HOP- - - -

May 24, 2017

John Roberts
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Sent via email: john.roberts@tmacresources.com

Re: Receipt of Technical Review Comment Submissions from Parties regarding TMAC Resources Inc.'s Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the “Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project”

Dear John Roberts:

On January 18, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) initiated the public technical review of the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)* submitted by TMAC Resources Inc. (TMAC or the Proponent) for the “Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project” proposal (NIRB File No. 12MN001). Following the receipt of TMAC’s response to initial Information Requests received from parties, on March 24, 2017 the NIRB invited interested parties to provide the Board with their technical review comments regarding the DEIS for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project by May 23, 2017.

On or before May 23, 2017 the NIRB received technical review comment (TC) submissions from the following parties:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association – 57 TCs
- Government of Nunavut – 32 TCs
- Government of Canada:
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada – 22 TCs
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada – 7 TCs
 - Health Canada – 8 TCs
 - Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – 35 TCs
 - Natural Resources Canada – 7 TCs
 - Transport Canada – 9 TCs

All technical review comments received by the Board can be accessed via the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project
- NIRB File No.: 12MN001

- Application No.: 124148

The NIRB would like to offer TMAC an opportunity to provide an overview response to the technical review comments to facilitate the discussions at the upcoming Technical Meeting in Cambridge Bay (*June 12-14, 2017*) and requests that the response be provided to the NIRB by **Monday June 5, 2017**.

TMAC's response should briefly outline its understanding of the main issues raised in the technical comments and its proposed plans to address and resolve these issues and related concerns through its upcoming *Final EIS* submission, including a draft list of commitments if possible. The draft list of commitments should also include an indication of TMAC's plans to satisfy any Information Requests directed to TMAC where a response was deferred to a later stage in the Review process (i.e., technical review, technical meeting, the *Final EIS*, or the licensing/permitting/authorization phase). The NIRB will consider providing time at the beginning of the Technical Meeting for TMAC to present its response to parties, which should focus on the most appropriate items. The Board asks that TMAC be prepared to provide sufficient printed copies of any related presentation materials for parties in attendance at the meeting.

In advance of the Technical Meeting, the NIRB requests that TMAC provide a listing of its planned attendees, with an indication of their area of expertise. The NIRB requests that TMAC provide its response to technical review comments, a draft list of commitments, and a list of planned attendees to the Board via email at info@nirb.ca on or before **Monday June 5, 2017**.

If you have any questions or require further clarification related to the NIRB's Review process, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4616 or kboaantwi@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Distribution List