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*Sent via email: [john.roberts@tmacresources.com](mailto:john.roberts@tmacresources.com)*

**Re: The NIRB's Pre-hearing Conference Decision for TMAC Resources Inc.'s "Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project" proposal**

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Dear John Roberts:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) held a Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, from June 15-16, 2017, to hear discussion by parties and TMAC Resources Inc. (TMAC or the Proponent) on the issues to be considered within the next steps of the NIRB's Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (the Project), the information to be included within the Proponent's submission of its Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and further preparations for a Final Hearing.

Issues addressed during the PHC included:

1. Anticipated date for submission of the FEIS,
2. Date, time and location of the Final Hearing,
3. Timetable for the exchange of documents and information requests prior to the hearing,
4. Formulation of issues for the hearing,
5. Procedures to be followed in the hearing,
6. Equipment, language, interpretation, translation and transcript requirements, and
7. Other matters that may aid in the simplification of the hearing.

The enclosed *Nunavut Impact Review Board Pre-hearing Conference Decision Concerning The Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (NIRB File No. 12MN001) Proposed by TMAC Resources Inc.* (the PHC Decision) outlines the Board's findings on each of the seven issues listed above, and includes direction to the Proponent on information that it is required to include within its future FEIS submission.

The NIRB asks that TMAC confirm its proposed December 2017 submission date for the FEIS, including the Water Licence Application package, within 30 days of receipt of the enclosed PHC

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Decision; should more time be required, the Board asks that TMAC advise the NIRB accordingly at its earliest opportunity.

The NIRB thanks TMAC and all parties for the cooperative and open dialogue to date, which has allowed the NIRB's Review process to unfold in an efficient and effective manner. The Board looks forward to receiving TMAC's FEIS submission and proceeding through the remaining steps of the Review process for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the enclosed PHC Decision or the NIRB's Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project, please contact Tara Arko, Director of Technical Services at (867) 983-4611 or via email at [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: Nunavut Impact Review Board Pre-hearing Conference Decision Concerning the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (NIRB File No. 12MN001) Proposed by TMAC Resources Inc. (July 21, 2017)