



NIRB File No.: 12MN001

NWB File No. 2AM-DOH1323 and 2AM-BOS----

February 21, 2018

Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Notice of Final Hearing and Intervenor Application Deadline for the NIRB's Review of TMAC Resources Inc.'s "Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project" Proposal

Dear Parties:

Please find enclosed the Notice of Final Hearing for the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) Review of TMAC Resources Inc.'s (TMAC; the Proponent) proposed "Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project" (NIRB File No. 12MN001; the Project). Please note that formal notice will also be appearing in local newspapers in the coming weeks in English, Inuinnaqtun, Inuktitut, and French. A copy of the notice has also been posted online to the NIRB's public registry (with translated copies to follow) and can be accessed from 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

Dates of Final Hearing

As stated in its July 21, 2017 Pre-hearing Conference Decision, the NIRB, in consultation with community members, parties, and the Proponent, decided that the Final Hearing would be held in the community of Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, and would involve a combination of technical and non-technical sessions. In accordance with the availability of meeting venue and logistical support, the NIRB is pleased to announce the schedule for the Final Hearing for its Review as outlined below.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE
Cambridge Bay, Luke Novoligak Community Hall	May 8, 2018	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Technical Presentations
	May 9, 2018	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Technical Presentations
	May 10, 2018	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Technical Presentations
	May 11, 2018	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Community Roundtable
	May 12, 2018	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*	Community Roundtable and Closing Statements

*NOTE: The NIRB may, at its discretion, extend the day session into an evening session if required.

The schedule for the NIRB's Final Hearing has been arranged such that the first portion of the Hearing will consist of formal proceedings, including technical presentations, while the latter portion will allow for more directed community engagement through community roundtable sessions. An evening session will be held to ensure members of the community also have adequate opportunity to participate outside of regular working hours.

Final Hearing Logistics & Details

The Final Hearing will be conducted in accordance with the NIRB's Rules of Procedure (the Rules)¹ as determined in the Board's Pre-hearing Conference Decision. The NIRB has decided to modify Rule 38.1 to allow materials to be relied on at the Final Hearing to be filed less than 15 days in advance of the Hearing. Proceedings will be facilitated by the NIRB's Chairperson, with support from NIRB staff and legal counsel as required. Stenographers will be present at the Hearing to record an official transcript, and simultaneous English-Inuinnaqtun and English-Inuktitut interpretations will be provided through all proceedings, while French interpretation may also be provided if requested at least 30 days in advance of the Hearing. Access to the full public registry will be made available during proceedings.

Intervenor Status

The enclosed Notice of Hearing provides direction to parties wishing to apply for formal intervenor status for the hearing proceedings. For the benefit of all the parties the NIRB is providing the following additional information:

1. Under the Board's Rules, regulatory agencies² have full standing throughout the Review and are NOT required to file a request to be granted intervenor status.
2. Part III, Rule 22 of the Rules also recognizes that there may be parties who have not been involved throughout the Review, but who may, upon receiving the formal Notice of Hearing, determine that they wish to apply for intervenor status at the Hearing. For these potential intervenors, the Board requires that an Application Form to request intervenor status (**enclosed**) be completed and filed with the Board on or before **February 28, 2018**.

¹ NIRB *Rules of Procedure* (September 2009).

² Defined under Part I, Rule. 2.1 to include any Canadian or Nunavut government department or agency, Designated Inuit Organization (DIO) or any other body that has the authority to issue a permit, lease, licence or grant approval to a proponent to conduct some physical work or physical activity in relation to a project proposal.

3. The Board will review and consider completed Application Forms and may:
 - a. Circulate the Application with a request for comments;
 - b. Decide that more information is required or request that the Application be modified as directed by the Board;
 - c. Decide that the intervention request is not granted because the submission is frivolous, vexatious or of little merit; or
 - d. Grant the intervention request and notify all parties of that decision.
4. Given the approaching Final Hearing and the desire for all parties to have adequate notice to prepare for their participation, the Board will endeavour to take the steps outlined in Item 3 promptly and expects to make its determination and issue a letter accepting or rejecting each of the intervention requests received on or before **March 6, 2018**.
5. All regulatory authorities and parties granted intervenor status will have until **March 19, 2018** to file their final written submissions for the Final Hearing with the NIRB.

Summary

In closing, as we move closer to the Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project proposal, the Board thanks all parties for their continued active engagement in the Review process. Additional details regarding the Hearing will be provided as they become available.

As a reminder, the NIRB will accept applications for Intervenor Status until **February 28, 2018**.

The NIRB reminds all parties that the deadline for final written submissions is **March 19, 2018**.

Should you have questions regarding the upcoming Final Hearing for the NIRB's consideration of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project, including the NIRB's Rules of Procedure and intervenor status applications, please contact the undersigned directly at kboaantwi@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4616.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Oliver Curran, TMAC Resources Inc.
 Shelley Potter, TMAC Resources Inc.

Enclosed (4): Notice of Public Hearing (*February 21, 2018*)
 Application Form Requesting Intervenor Status (English, Inuinnaqtun, and Inuktitut)