



NIRB File No.: 05MN047
NWB File No.: 2AM-DOH1323

November 4, 2015

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Sent via email: john.roberts@tmacresources.com

Re: **TMAC Resources Inc.'s Amendment Application for Doris North Project Certificate Reconsideration and the Type A Water Licence Amendment: Initiation of Technical Review Period**

Dear John Roberts:

On June 23, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a submission from TMAC Resources Inc. (TMAC or the Licensee) which requested a reconsideration of the terms and conditions of the Doris North Project Certificate No. 003 issued by the NIRB (the Application Proposal). Similarly, on June 15, 2015 the Nunavut Water Board received the application for the amendment of the Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH1323, Doris North Project, from TMAC. In its submission, TMAC stated its desire for the NIRB's reconsideration process and the NWB's licensing process to proceed as a NIRB/NWB coordinated process. To date, the NIRB and the NWB have coordinated their respective processes, where possible, with the objective of improving efficiencies for all stakeholders involved in both the environmental assessment and water licensing processes.

It has now been determined that TMAC's Application Proposal both complies with the NIRB requirements and is considered a complete water licence application by the NWB, and as a result the NIRB and the NWB can commence a coordinated public technical review period. TMAC is advised that deficiencies or technical issues noted by parties through the NIRB's and the NWB's information request period will need to be addressed during the technical review period. Correspondence will be issued promptly under separate cover to provide parties with additional instructions for the NIRB technical review.

NIRB Reconsideration Process:

After initiating an internal completeness check of the Application, on July 21, 2015 the NIRB issued correspondence to TMAC outlining a number of issues requiring clarification. Following the NIRB's receipt of TMAC's response on July 24, 2015, the NIRB issued correspondence on August 21, 2015 advising that the submission complied with the NIRB's previously-issued EIS Guidelines.¹ The NIRB initiated a public comment period, requesting that interested parties provide information requests (IRs) for the NIRB's consideration on or before September 11, 2015. On August 26, 2015 the NIRB received a request from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for a one (1) week extension to the deadline for submission of IRs which was subsequently approved by the NIRB, extending the IR period to September 18, 2015. Following a cursory review of the IRs, on September 25, 2015 the NIRB requested that TMAC respond by October 9, 2015 to those IRs which had been determined to be relevant to the current stage of the Board's reconsideration process and necessary to facilitate parties' technical review comments. On October 9, 2015 the NIRB received TMAC's response to IRs submission.

In addition to the above, on October 5, 2015 TMAC submitted a request to the NIRB and the NWB to consider scheduling in-person technical meetings and pre-hearing conferences in Cambridge Bay between November 30, 2015 and December 4, 2015. Further, TMAC requested that the technical review period be reduced from 60 days to 45 days to have the technical review completed by the proposed meeting dates. On October 15, 2015 the NIRB circulated TMAC's request, asking parties to identify by October 23, 2015 whether they would be able to complete the respective technical review in the proposed 45 days. On October 22, 2015 TMAC formally withdrew its request and the NIRB discontinued its associated comment period.

NWB Licensing Process:

On August 21, 2015 the NWB acknowledged receipt of the 2AM-DOH1323 application for amendment and supporting documentation and requested that interested parties review the submission for completeness and conduct an initial technical assessment including the identification of any Information Request (IRs) that the reviewing parties may require for completeness of the Amendment Application.

Subsequent to that, the NWB had received and reviewed comments from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), Environment Canada (EC) and Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA). Moreover, parties have indicated that there are no outstanding issues that would prevent the Application Proposal from proceeding through the next step of the water licensing process.

Following the receipt of comments, the NWB conducted an internal review and confirmed that the Application was complete. The Board has therefore determined that the Application Proposal for the Doris North Project for the amendment of a Type "A" Water Licence may proceed through the regulatory process.

¹ Final Environmental Assessment Guidelines for the Doris Hinge Project issued on October 15, 2002.

In accordance with subsection 55(1) of the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (the Act), the NWB gives notice of the Application Proposal and invites interested persons to make representations to the NWB on or before **December 7th, 2015**. Failure to respond to this notice within the specified period will result in the loss of the right to be compensated pursuant to sections 58 to 60 of the Act.

NIRB AND NWB COORDINATION

On October 30, 2015 TMAC submitted correspondence outlining its expectations of a coordinated process to be undertaken by the NIRB and NWB. Further, TMAC suggested that the NIRB and NWB coordinate their technical meetings in person in Cambridge Bay. As such, the NIRB and the NWB have included an updated process map (enclosed) with anticipated timelines.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding next steps in the NIRB's reconsideration of the Doris North Project Certificate please contact Kelli Gillard, the NIRB Monitoring Officer for the Doris North Project at (867) 983-4619 or via email at kgillard@nirb.ca.

For questions relating to the NWB's water licensing process, please contact Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing at (867) 360-6338 or via email at licensing@nwb-oen.ca or for any technical matters please contact Sonia Aredes at Sonia.aredes@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely



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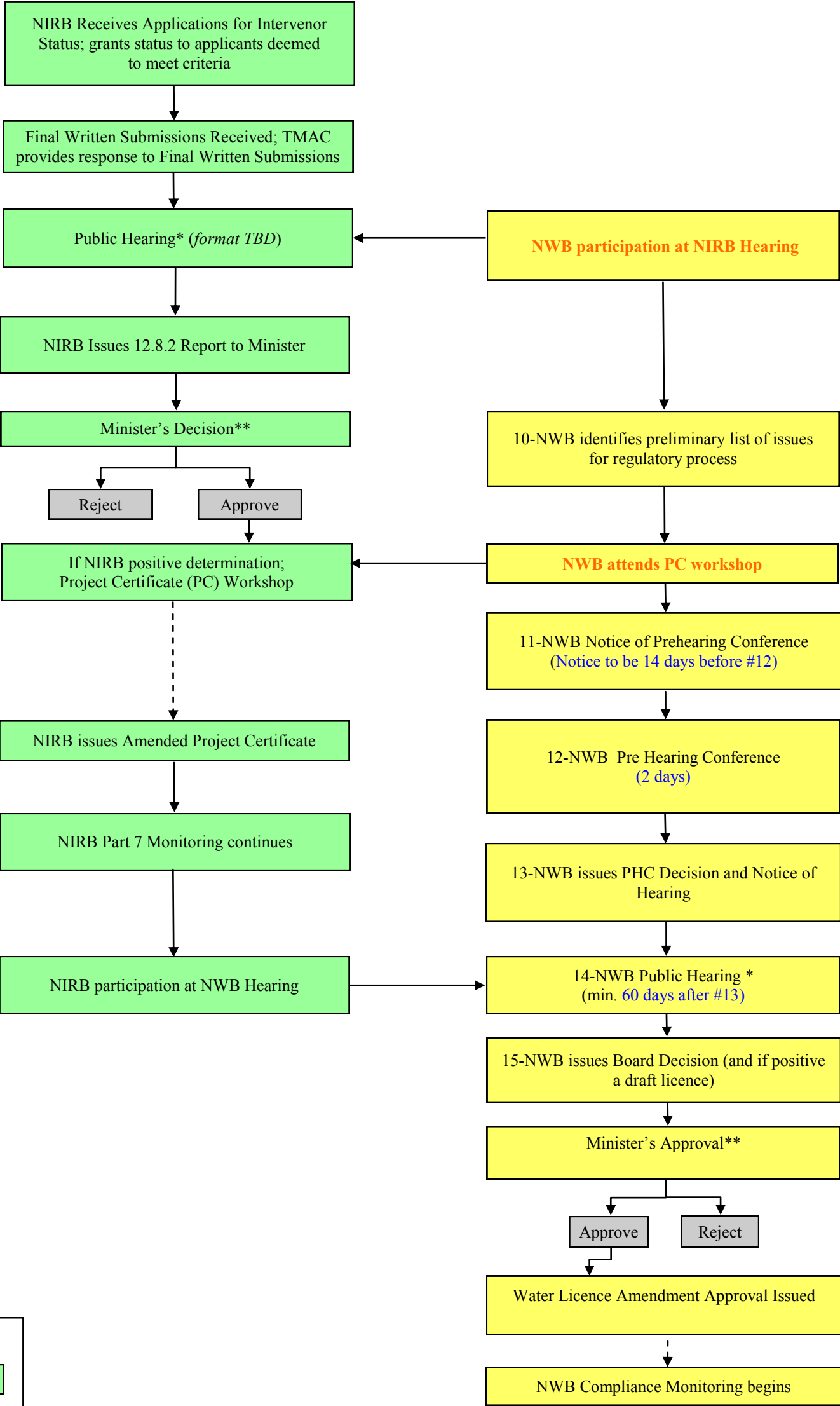
cc: Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
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Doris North Distribution List

Enclosure (1): Anticipated Joint Reconsideration Process Map for NIRB File No.: 05MN047—Reconsideration of Project Certificate No. 003 & NWB Licence No. 2AM-DOH1323 for Doris North (November 4, 2015)

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*Notice provided per NIRB and NWB Rules of Procedure
** The timeline for the Minister's Decision(s) are independent of the NIRB and NWB