



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

November 27, 2015

To: Doris North Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Draft Agenda for the upcoming NIRB Technical Meeting related to the Reconsideration of TMAC's Project Certificate for the Doris North Project**

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Dear Parties:

On November 4, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) provided notice that TMAC Resources Inc.'s (TMAC) submissions for reconsideration of the NIRB's Project Certificate [No. 003] and amendment to the NWB Type A Water Licence 2AM-DOH1323 (known collectively as the Amendment Proposal) for proposed modification to the Doris North Gold Mine Project (Doris North project) had complied with the NIRB requirements, and were determined to be a complete water licence application by the NWB. As a result the NIRB and the NWB commenced a coordinated public technical review period with the NWB representations due December 7, 2015 and the NIRB's technical review comments due January 8, 2016.

The NIRB is confirming that a coordinated in-person meeting of technical experts will be held in **Cambridge Bay** at the **Luke Novoligak Community Hall** from **January 26 to January 29, 2016**; the **NIRB** will facilitate its Technical Meeting on **January 26 and 27, 2016** and the **NWB** will facilitate the meetings on **January 28 and 29, 2016**.

#### TECHNICAL MEETING

Parties are advised that the objectives of the NIRB's Technical Meeting is to provide regulatory authorities with an opportunity to discuss questions or concerns regarding the TMAC's identification of potential environmental and socio-economic impacts, associated mitigation and management plans, and required changes to the Doris North Project Certificate terms and conditions. The NIRB staff will track commitments made by TMAC to resolve technical issues and concerns through potential mitigation, monitoring, or other measures, with a formal listing of commitments to be brought forward for consideration by the NIRB at the Public Hearing. Discussions during the Technical Meeting are also intended to assist parties with developing a position on whether or not the proposed Amendment should be allowed to proceed, and if so, what amendments to the Doris North Project Certificate should be made, including which of the terms and conditions contained therein should be amended, and any new conditions which the Board should consider for inclusion. This dialogue is intended to assist with delineating

outstanding technical issues and concerns for parties in their preparation of final written submissions.

The Board asks that parties attending the Technical Meeting be prepared to discuss the following points in particular, according to their respective jurisdiction/mandate:

- Determination of whether parties agree/disagree with the conclusions in the Amendment Proposal regarding the alternatives assessment, environmental impacts, proposed mitigation, significance of impacts and monitoring measures – and reasons to support the determination;
- Determination of whether or not conclusions in the Amendment Proposal are supported by the analysis – and reasons to support the determination;
- Determination of whether appropriate methodology was utilized in the Amendment Proposal to develop conclusions – and reasons to support the determination, along with any proposed alternative methodologies which may be more appropriate (if applicable);
- Identification of specific commitments being sought by parties from the Proponent to address technical issues and concerns;
- Identification of any terms and conditions contained within the Doris North Project Certificate which may require reconsideration or amendment; and,
- Identification of additional Project Certificate terms and conditions which would be required to address the potential impacts of the Amendment Proposal.

#### REQUEST TO PROPONENT

The NIRB requests that TMAC be prepared to deliver a 45 minute presentation at the opening of the Technical Meeting which summarizes the Amendment Proposal, including the assessment provided, identification of issues which have been addressed with agencies through update meetings and those issues which remain in negotiation or have not met with resolution. The presentation should also highlight those terms and conditions within the Doris North Project Certificate that TMAC suggests be amended. It is recommended that this presentation follow a similar thematic approach to that contained within TMAC's Amendment Proposal submission and the attached *draft* meeting agenda.

#### REQUEST TO PARTIES

The NIRB requests that parties planning to attend the upcoming Technical Meeting provide the NIRB with a confirmation of attendance, via email to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to (867) 983-2594 on or before **12:00 pm MT, Friday December 7, 2015**. The NIRB also invites interested parties to include comments on the *draft* agenda and items for discussion as applicable by this date.

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 the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or via email at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A – *Draft* Agenda

**APPENDIX A – DRAFT AGENDA**  
**NIRB FILE No.: 05MN047 – AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

**Proponent:** TMAC Resources Inc.  
**Location:** Luke Novoligak Community Hall, Cambridge Bay, NU  
**Dates:** January 26-27, 2016  
**Times:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
**Note:** All times given are approximate. The order of discussion topics and times given are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion

**Day 1 – Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

9:00 – 9:15 am	NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objectives of Technical Meeting</li><li>• Introduction of Participants</li><li>• Housekeeping Items</li><li>• Overview of Agenda</li></ul>
9:15 – 9:45 am	TMAC Presentation
9:45 – 10:15 am	Conclusions presented in the Amendment Proposal pertaining to the physical environment including air quality and noise, fresh water quality and quantity, soils and landforms and related mitigation/monitoring programs; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans
<b>10:15 – 10:30 am</b>	<b><i>Health Break</i></b>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Physical environment including air quality and noise, fresh water, soils and landforms and related mitigation/monitoring programs; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans – <i>continued</i>
<b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Break for Lunch on own</i></b>
1:00 – 2:45 pm	Conclusions presented in the Amendment Proposal pertaining to the terrestrial ecosystem including terrestrial environment, vegetation, wildlife, birds, habitat and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs
<b>2:45 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Health Break</i></b>
3:00 – 4:45 pm	Conclusions presented in the Amendment Proposal pertaining to the fish and fish habitat; including management and mitigation plans and/or program
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Afternoon session wrap-up

## **Day 2 – Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

- 9:00 – 9:15 am      NIRB Opening Remarks
- Day 1 Recap and Day 2 brief
- 9:15 – 10:15 am      Conclusions presented in the Amendment Proposal pertaining to social, economic and cultural components, including related management and mitigation plans and/or programs
- 10:15 – 10:30 am      *Health Break***
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm      Social, economic and cultural components, including related management and mitigation plans and/or programs – *continued*
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm      *Break for Lunch on own***
- 1:00 – 2:45 pm      Conclusions presented in the Amendment Proposal pertaining to archaeology and cumulative effects assessment and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm      *Health Break***
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm      NIRB discussion of next steps and Public Hearing
- Question and answer period for parties
  - Conclusion of Technical Meeting