

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

January 14, 2016

To: Doris North Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: <u>Final Agenda for the Technical Meeting related to the NIRB Reconsideration of the Doris North Project Certificate for TMAC's Doris North Amendment proposal</u>

### **Dear Parties:**

In correspondence issued November 27, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) confirmed that a coordinated in-person meeting of technical experts would be held in Cambridge Bay from January 26-29, 2016 as part of the NIRB's Reconsideration of Doris North Project Certificate [No. 003 for TMAC Resources Inc.'s (TMAC or Proponent) proposed modifications to the Doris North Gold Mine Project (File No. 05MN047). The NIRB will facilitate its Technical Meeting on January 26 and 27, 2016 and the Nunavut Water Board will facilitate its Technical Meeting for the associated water licence amendment application on January 28 and 29, 2016.

The NIRB previously requested that interested parties indicate their planned attendance at the event and review the *draft* agenda for the Technical Meeting, providing input regarding the scheduling of agenda topics by December 7, 2015. After considering the feedback received, the NIRB has finalized the Technical Meeting agenda and meeting logistics as attached in Appendix A. Parties should note that the agenda is a working document which is meant to guide the discussions, and as such, it is subject to change as the meetings progresses.

To date, the following agencies have confirmed attendance at the event:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association,
- Government of Nunavut,
- Environment and Climate Change Canada,
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, and
- Transport Canada.

As outlined on November 27, 2015 TMAC is expected to prepare a 45 minute presentation on the proposed amendments, the assessment provided in the application, as well as any issues that have been resolved to date and issues which remain under discussion or unresolved. TMAC

should also provide sufficient printed copies of its presentation for parties and public in attendance at the meeting (at least 50 copies).

During the Technical Meeting the NIRB will track commitments made by the Proponent and other parties regarding resolution of technical issues and will ensure that an ongoing review of these commitments by all parties is facilitated through the proceedings to ensure the listing is finalized by the conclusion of the Technical Meeting. The NIRB requests that TMAC also have its representatives track commitments to assist in ensuring appropriate wording and objectives are captured. It is anticipated that listings from each day will be provided either in the evenings following the meeting or at the start of the next day for review and that any comments or issues will be raised during the end of day wrap up or the following morning for discussion. This listing will form a part of the meeting record and may also be carried forward to the Public Hearing for consideration by the Board.

### Hotel accommodations

As there are a number of hotel options available for the Technical Meeting, the NIRB recommends parties follow-up to book their accommodations at any of the following as soon as possible:

Hotel	Phone number
Arctic Island Lodge	(867) 983-2345
Green Row	(867) 983-3456
Qillaq Lodge	(867) 983-2067
Umingmak Lodge Bed and Breakfast	(867) 983-2550

### **NEXT STEPS**

The NIRB would like to remind parties that applications for Intervenor Status for the Public Hearing will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, Friday January 29, 2016 and Final Written Submissions are due 5:00 p.m. MST, Monday March 14, 2016.

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 <a href="mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca">kgillard@nirb.ca</a>.

# Sincerely,



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Tineka Simmons, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Attachments: Appendix A – Final Agenda

## APPENDIX A - FINAL AGENDA

**Proponent:** TMAC Resources Inc.

Location: Luke Novoligak Community Hall, Cambridge Bay, NU

**Dates:** January 26 and 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. The NIRB will give consideration to facilitating evening sessions from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm if deemed necessary.

# Day 1 – Tuesday, January 26, 2016

9:00 – 9:15 am NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks

Objectives of Technical Meeting

Introduction of Participants

Housekeeping Items

Overview of Agenda

9:15 – 10:00 am TMAC Presentation

10:00 – 10:30 am Conclusions presented in the amendment application pertaining to aquatic

environment including water quality and quantity (surface and subsurface), marine environment, fish and fish habitat, including related

mitigation/monitoring programs

10:30 – 10:45 am Health Break with light refreshments

10:45 am – 12:00 pm – Conclusions presented in the amendment application pertaining to

aquatic environment including water quality and quantity (surface and subsurface), marine environment, fish and fish habitat, including related

mitigation/monitoring programs - continued

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

1:00 – 2:00 pm Conclusions presented in the amendment application pertaining to aquatic

environment including water quality and quantity (surface and subsurface), marine environment, fish and fish habitat, including related

mitigation/monitoring programs - continued

2:00-2:45 pm – Conclusions presented in the amendment application pertaining to the

physical environment including air quality, noise, including related

mitigation/monitoring programs

2:45 – 3:00 pm Health Break with light refreshments

3:00 – 4:45 pm	Conclusions presented in the amendment application pertaining to the terrestrial ecosystem including terrestrial environment, landforms, soils, vegetation, wildlife and wildlife habitat, birds and bird habitat, including related management and mitigation plans and/or programs
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Afternoon session wrap-up
Day 2 – Wednesday, January 27, 2016	
9:00 – 9:15 am	NIRB Opening Remarks <ul><li>Day 1 Recap and Day 2 brief</li></ul>
9:15 – 10:15 am	Conclusions presented in the amendment application pertaining to the terrestrial ecosystem including terrestrial environment, landforms, soils, vegetation, wildlife and wildlife habitat, birds and bird habitat, including related management and mitigation plans and/or programs - <i>continued</i>
10:15 – 10:30 am	Health Break with light refreshments
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10:30 am –12:00 pm 12:00 – 1:00 pm	Conclusions presented in the amendment application pertaining to social, economic and cultural components, including related management and mitigation plans and/or programs  **Break for Lunch on own**  Conclusions presented in the amendment application pertaining to archaeology and cumulative effects assessment and related management