



NIRB File No.: 12MN001
NWB File No. 2AM-DOH1323 and
File No. 2AM-BOS----

March 2, 2018

Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Format for Final Written Submissions and Logistics Information for the NIRB's Review of TMAC Resources Inc.'s "Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project" Proposal

Dear Parties:

On February 21, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued its Notice of Hearing for the NIRB's assessment of TMAC Resources Inc.'s "Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project" Proposal (NIRB File 12MN001; the Project), pursuant to Part 5 of Article 12 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*.

At this time, the NIRB would like to provide parties with direction regarding the recommended format for final written submissions, presentations, and general logistics for the upcoming Final Hearing for this assessment, scheduled for May 8 to May 12, 2018 in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. The Final Hearing will provide a public forum for discussion of those technical issues that have been identified, resolved, or which remain unresolved, as well as issues for which there is public concern, and other matters considered relevant to the NIRB's assessment of the Project. Discussions during the Final Hearing will be structured to assist with identification of issues to be addressed by the Board within its Final Hearing Report to the responsible Ministers for this assessment.

Parties can access the complete Final Environmental Impact Statement and the additional documents/information provided by the Proponent following the Pre-Hearing Conference through the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project
- NIRB File No.: 12MN001
- Application No.: 124148

FINAL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

As a reminder, the next step in the NIRB's review process for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project proposal is the filing of Intervenor's final written submissions to the NIRB by **Monday, March 19, 2018**. Guidance regarding the recommended format for written submissions to be submitted to the NIRB is set out in **Appendix A** of this letter; the NIRB appreciates the efforts of all parties to structure their respective submissions in accordance with the recommended format, which will assist greatly in their presentation and discussion at the Final Hearing. Upon receipt, Intervenor's final written submissions will be made available to all parties via the NIRB's online public registry.

FINAL HEARING

The NIRB's Final Hearing will be held in the community of Cambridge Bay from May 8 to May 12, 2018 and will involve a combination of technical and non-technical sessions, with the first portion of the proceedings consisting of formal proceedings and technical presentations, while the latter portion will allow for more directed community engagement through community roundtable sessions. Evening sessions will be held to ensure members of the community are also afforded opportunity to participate outside of regular working hours. While the draft agenda for the Final Hearing will be circulated in the coming weeks to all parties, once finalized it may also be adjusted as necessary during the proceedings at the discretion of the NIRB's Chairperson.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through the coming weeks the NIRB will be soliciting up to five (5) representatives each from the communities of Bathurst Inlet (Kingaok), Bay Chimo (Umingmaktok), Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk, Kugluktuk, and Taloyoak to attend the Final Hearing and share their community's comments and concerns on the proposed project.¹ The NIRB is prepared to cover the costs of travel, accommodations and meals as necessary for community representatives travelling to Cambridge Bay to facilitate their attendance and participation at the Final Hearing.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The NIRB asks that all parties provide sufficient representation during both the planned technical sessions and community roundtable portions of the Final Hearing to represent the parties' issues as well as respond to questions from community members.

A block of hotel accommodations are currently being held by the NIRB in Cambridge Bay to facilitate participation by responsible authorities, organizations and other Intervenor's at the upcoming Hearing, and is coordinating reservations. Intervenor's should provide notice to the NIRB regarding which representatives will be attending the Final Hearing so that the reserved rooms can be released to parties.

¹As the Hearing is a public event, any interested members of the public from Cambridge Bay will be welcome to attend and participate during the Final Hearing and community round table.

Reservations for Intervenor are being held for the following organizations:

- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Health Canada
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Transport Canada
- Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Given that the availability of hotel beds in Cambridge Bay may be limited, the NIRB has allocated available hotel beds amongst parties as evenly as possible. Reservations for individual hotel beds will be transferred from the NIRB to the planned attendee, who will be responsible for confirming the room and assuming associated costs. The NIRB will release any remaining unconfirmed hotel beds from our group reservation by **April 9, 2018**.

TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION REQUIREMENTS

The NIRB will conduct the Final Hearing proceedings in simultaneous English-Inuinnaqtun and English-Inuktitut interpretation as appropriate, and upon advance request, English-French interpretation. The NIRB requests that any parties requiring French interpretation for the Hearing notify the NIRB by **April 9, 2018**.

Additionally, those who require special audio-visual equipment at the Hearing are requested to inform the NIRB by **April 9, 2018** and to specify the nature of equipment required to allow for the necessary arrangements to be made.

MEDIA ACCESS TO THE HEARING

The NIRB has arranged for court reporters to attend the Final Hearing to produce a transcript of the proceedings to ensure that there is a full and fair historical record that is readily accessible to all. The Board is also supportive of any planned efforts by public media outlets to cover the Final Hearing proceedings and will ensure that media representatives are granted sufficient access to the proceedings to report accurately. However, the Board must also ensure that the participants at the Final Hearing are not unduly limited in their willingness and ability to participate fully if recordings should become intrusive or disruptive. As such, the NIRB has established rules for recording of final hearings and other proceedings that it asks all media outlets to observe to assist in minimizing all such disruptions; a copy of these rules will be provided to any media outlet requesting media access for the Final Hearing proceedings.

The NIRB is requesting all media outlets that wish to record proceedings during the Final Hearing (film, photograph, audio) to request media access from the Board on or before **April 9, 2018**.

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 support and encourages continued active engagement in the review process. Additional details regarding the Hearing logistics and final scheduling will be provided as they become available.

Once again, the NIRB would like to remind all parties that the deadline for final written submissions is **Monday, March 19, 2018**. Guidance regarding the recommended format for written submissions to be submitted to the NIRB has been set out in **Appendix A**.

The NIRB also requests that parties notify the NIRB at info@nirb.ca on or before **April 9, 2018** regarding the following:

1. Representatives who will require rooms from the block of hotel accommodations in Cambridge Bay booked by the Board for the Final Hearing.
2. Indication whether French interpretation and/or special audio-visual equipment will be required at the Hearing (indicate which audio-visual equipment will be required).
3. Requests for access from media outlets to record Hearing proceedings (film, photograph, and audio).

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

Sincerely,



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cc: Oliver Curran, TMAC Resources Inc.
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Attachment (1): Appendix A – Format for Parties' Final Written Submissions

APPENDIX A – NIRB’S SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR PARTIES’ FINAL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

For each issue raised, parties are asked to include a clear reference to the volume, document, section, and/or page number in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) where relevant information may be found. Parties may find efficiencies in structuring submissions by issue, and are asked, where possible, to align their submission in accordance with the ordering of materials as presented within the FEIS. A tabular presentation as provided below is requested as a means of systematically organizing comment submissions and to assist with the compilation of submissions for the next steps of the NIRB’s Review process.

Format and File Size

Parties must provide submissions in a fully functional, electronically searchable Word, Excel or unlocked PDF format no larger than 10 MB.

Final written submissions must contain the following:

1. Executive Summary

Submissions must contain a non-technical executive summary of the major issues identified during the review of the FEIS. The summary should not exceed two pages.

The NIRB requires executive summaries be provided in English and be translated into **Inuinnaqtun, Inuktitut, and French**. Please note that parties are responsible for sourcing this translation.

2. Table of Contents

Submissions must contain a table of contents with sections that relate to the main headings of the FEIS for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project which also identify the major issues under those headings the party intends to bring forward for discussion and intends to address at the Final Hearing. Submissions may also address any other matter that the party considers relevant to the NIRB’s review of the FEIS.

3. Introduction

All submissions should contain a statement of the party’s mandate and relationship to the project. Parties that have regulatory jurisdiction over the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project must also provide a description of the party’s jurisdiction as well as a list of the legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines administered by the party that are applicable to the project.

4. Specific Comments

For each issue included in the submissions, parties should provide the following:

- a. A detailed description of the issue and, as appropriate, a reference to where within the FEIS (volume/document, section and page number) the issue is discussed;
- b. If provided by the Proponent within the FEIS, identify the Proponent’s conclusion(s) related to the issue;
- c. A statement regarding the conclusion(s) of the commenting party related to the issue, including reference to the justification/data/rationale supporting that conclusion;
- d. A brief discussion assessing the issue’s importance to the impact assessment process; and
- e. Any recommendation(s) to the NIRB with respect to the disposition of the issue.

5. Summary of Recommendations

Finally, submissions to the NIRB must contain a *summary* of the recommendations to the Board with respect to:

- Whether Parties agree/disagree with the conclusions presented in the FEIS provided by the Proponent regarding the alternatives assessment, environmental impacts, proposed mitigation, significance of impacts, and monitoring measures – and all evidence supporting the parties' position;
- Whether or not conclusions presented in the FEIS provided by the Proponent are supported by the analysis – and all evidence supporting the parties' position;
- Whether appropriate methodology was utilized in the FEIS to develop conclusions – and all evidence supporting the parties' position along with any proposed alternative methodologies which may be more appropriate if applicable;
- An assessment of the quality and the presentation of the information presented in the FEIS;
- An assessment of the appropriateness of proposed monitoring measures – and evidence to support the determination, along with any proposed alternative monitoring measures which may be more appropriate (if applicable); and
- Any comments regarding additional information which would be useful in assessing impacts – and reasons to support any comments made.

6. Suggested submission format in Table Form

Review Comment Number	
Subject/Topic	
References to the FEIS (<i>i.e.</i> , <i>volume/document, section/sub-section, page number, etc.</i>)	
Summary (include Proponent's conclusion if relevant and conclusions of commenting party)	
Importance of issue to the impact assessment process	
Detailed Review Comments	1. Gap/Issue 2. Disagreement with FEIS conclusion 3. Reasons for disagreement with FEIS conclusion
Recommendation/Request	