



**NIRB File No.: 05MN047**

**DATE:** January 11, 2006  
**TO:** Doris North Distribution List  
**RE:** Format of Final Hearing

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Dear Parties,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) would like to provide an update regarding the format of the Final Hearing for the Doris North Project which will take place from January 30 to February 3, 2006, in Cambridge Bay.

In its Preliminary Hearing Conference Decision of September 13, 2005, the Board indicated that the Final Hearing would be conducted by subject rather than by intervenor. However, in retrospect NIRB realizes that conducting the Final Hearing in this manner will result in far too many presentations for the technical time period. In light of this, NIRB has decided that the Final Hearing will be conducted by intervenor and that the presentations should be formatted according to the information and key areas as follows:

1. Intervenor mandate and relevant legislation, policies, guidelines, etc.;
2. The assessment of alternatives to the use of Tail Lake for tailings disposal;
3. The Tail Lake water quality and water management plan;
4. The design of the jetty and related issues including effects on fish habitat, shoreline erosion, and the sea bed;
5. The wildlife monitoring and mitigation plan including cumulative effects assessment;
6. The socio-economic impact of the project on affected residents and communities of Nunavut; and
7. Other issues.

The proponent, Miramar Hope Bay Limited, will be allowed to present its project in detail prior to the presentations by intervenors. A draft agenda is attached. Please provide any comments on the draft agenda to Gladys Joudrey ([gjoudrey@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:gjoudrey@nirb.nunavut.ca)) no later than **January 20, 2006**. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me (867-983-4616) or Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director (867-983-4603)

Yours truly,

*(Original signed by)*

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Encl. Draft Hearing agenda

**AGENDA - PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Doris North Gold Project – 05MN047**

Location: Hamlet of Cambridge Bay (building to be announced)

Date: January 30 to February 3, 2006.

Time: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm (subject to the Chairperson's discretion)

**The proposed order of events at this Hearing is as follows:**

General opening

1. Opening Prayer
2. Opening remarks by the Chairperson;
3. Introduction of Board Members and staff;
4. Introduction of Elders and their role in the Hearing;
5. Introduction of Residents of Kugluktuk, Bathurst Inlet, Bay Chimo, Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak;
6. Introduction of the persons who will make the Proponent's presentation;
7. Introduction of Interested Parties who have submitted formal written interventions and who will be speaking at the Hearing;
8. Identification of Interested Parties who have not submitted interventions but who wish to speak at the Hearing;
9. Identification of any Motions or any objections;

Technical session

10. The presentation by the Proponent;
11. Questioning of the Proponent by Board Members and Interested Parties;
12. Presentation from Interested Parties who have submitted formal interventions;
13. Questioning of Interested Parties by Board Members, the Proponent, and other Interested Parties;

Community session

14. The presentation by the Proponent;
15. Questioning of the Proponent by the community members;
16. Presentation from Interested Parties who have submitted formal interventions;
17. Questioning of Interested Parties by community members;
18. Presentations by community members who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak;
19. Questioning of the community members by the Board Members, the Proponent or any other Interested Parties;

Closing

20. Final closing statements of Interested Parties, taking into account matters raised at the Hearing;
21. Final closing statement by the Proponent;
22. Closing remarks by the Chairperson and Board Members;
23. Termination or adjournment of the Hearing by the Chairperson;
24. Closing Prayer.