



NIRB File No: 02-MN-134/[182]

July 6, 2004

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Dear Parties:

RE: Doris North Gold Mine Final Hearing Conference

Administration:

1. The Doris North Gold Mine Hearing dates, venues and times are as follows:

- **Cambridge Bay** (*Technical sessions - all issues*), July 11th - 13th (start time 9am) with an evening session on July 12th (start time 7pm).
- **Gjoa Haven**, July 14th, start time 9am.
- **Taloyoak**, July 15th, start time 9am.
- **Kugluktuk**, July 16th, start time 9am.

Public consultation sessions will be held in the three latter communities, beginning at 7pm.

2. The Board would like to hear from citizens and elders at the Hearings of all four communities. All technical interventions are to be filed in Cambridge Bay and presented to the Board. The Hearings in Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak and Kugluktuk are intended to be less formal than Cambridge Bay. If Parties, other than Miramar Hope Bay Ltd (MHBL), wish to repeat their former presentations of Cambridge Bay, in the three other communities, then the Board requests an abbreviated presentation. MHBL should be prepared to provide their presentation in full at all venues.
3. In carrying out the Doris North Gold Project review, NIRB's Main Objectives are to protect, at all times, and promote the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area (NSA) and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the NSA.

In making this determination, NIRB will also take into account the well being of Canadian residents outside the NSA.

4. Parties are responsible for obtaining their own lunches. The Board will also recess the hearing for breaks from time to time, as it deems appropriate. The Board asks all parties to be punctual throughout the Hearing.
5. For the purposes of this hearing, the Parties to this Hearing (based on written submissions received) are:
 - A) Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. (MHLB)
 - B) Hamlet of Cambridge Bay
 - C) Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
 - D) Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI)
 - E) Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)
 - F) Government of Nunavut (GN)
 - G) Indian & Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
 - H) Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO)
 - I) Environment Canada (EC)
 - J) Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN)
 - K) J. Ohokannoak
 - L) Local Governments, Interest Groups, and Citizens.

All documents for the project are available on NIRB's website (under Documents) <http://nirb.nunavut.ca> and ftp site <http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/> in the folder "*Reviews/02MN134 – Doris North Gold Mine*".

6. During the Hearings, the Board will enforce reasonable time limits. The parties should prepare their presentations and questioning with these time limits in mind. Please do not read written submissions into the record.
7. Parties presenting to the Board, should provide NIRB staff with CD copies of their presentation. All presentations will be presented from the laptop computer provided by NIRB. Presentations should be in Microsoft Power Point (Windows 2000). Parties are required to provide 15 copies of their presentation to the Board and should also provide copies for all other parties.
8. As the burden of proof is on MHLB in this review, the Board will permit them to make a final brief statement at the end of each venue.
9. For the presentation of direct evidence, the parties should call witnesses as a panel (if there is more than one witness). All direct evidence from all witnesses should be presented before the panel is turned over for cross-examination.

10. The testimony of witnesses will be sworn or affirmed. Please notify the Board at the beginning of the hearing if any of the witnesses would prefer to be affirmed.
11. The Public record, including any affidavits by the parties plus attachments, letters, EIS, Supplemental FEIS, and written submissions of the parties, already form part of the Board's file and therefore will not be entered again as exhibits. The Board will file as exhibits any other documents (such as maps, articles, photos, etc.) provided during the hearing. If materials are referenced in a presentation, then a copy should be provided and filed as an exhibit.

Agenda:

12. The Board will commence the Hearings with an Opening Prayer. This will be followed with a brief presentation outlining the procedures for the Hearings. As part of the Chair's opening comments, there will be an:
 - Introduction of Members and Staff
 - Introduction of Elders
 - Introduction of Mayor
 - Introduction of Parties
13. Elders may speak at anytime during the hearing.
14. Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. will present their project proposal (direct evidence) followed by cross-examination by each of the parties in the order listed above.
15. Following MHL's presentation, other parties will present their evidence for up to 30 minutes each, followed by cross-examination by the Proponent. If parties combine presentations (Federal Departments, for example) additional time will be allocated to finish their combined comments.
16. Following the completion of each round of presentations and cross-examinations, the public, and ultimately, the Board, will also ask questions. The Board may ask questions during any presentation.

Closing remarks by the Parties and Applicant:

17. Each venue will end with closing remarks by the Chairperson and a closing prayer.
18. Translation will be available in all communities.

19. In making its final decision after the Hearings, and all procedural decisions during the hearing, NIRB will give due regard and weight to the tradition of Inuit culture, communications and decision-making. NIRB will also apply the rules of procedural fairness and natural justice.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Hearings.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Briscoe', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director

cc: Honorable Andy Mitchell, P.C. M.P.