



## **Summary of December 15, 2005 Parties' Conformity Meeting Teleconference**

### Agenda Item 1: Introduction of Participants

NIRB thanks those Parties who participated in its December 15, 2005 Conformity Meeting including, Cumberland, the Hamlet of Baker Lake, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA), INAC, KivIA, Environment Canada (EC), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Transport Canada (TC), Navigable Waters Canada, Natural Resources Canada (NrCan), Health Canada (HC), GN-Department of Environment, GN-Economic Development and Transportation, and GN-Community and Government Services.

### Agenda Item 2 and 3: NIRB Key Issue and Commitment Deficiencies

Please see first part of this letter.

### Agenda Item 4: FEIS Proceedings and Timelines

The Board has agreed that the following dates are set:

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| January 20, 2006  | Parties will submit their Information Request (IR) to NIRB.   |
| January 23, 2006  | NIRB will forward the selected IRs to Cumberland. In determining whether or not to forward an IR to Cumberland, NIRB will pay particular attention to the rationale of the issue's importance to the environmental assessment of the Project. Examples of the criteria used in this determination include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Whether or not the information is needed for the Board to make an informed environmental assessment decision;</li><li>▪ Whether or not the issue should be addressed through any subsequent permitting or regulatory process; and</li><li>▪ Whether or not a formal monitoring and follow up plan has been proposed for the issue under consideration and whether or not that process (monitoring) more properly deals with the issue.</li></ul> |
| February 10, 2006 | Cumberland will provide a response to the concerned Party and NIRB  |
| March 10, 2006    | Parties will provide Final Hearing written submissions to NIRB.   |
| March 17, 2006    | Parties will submit Final Hearing written submission executive summary translation to NIRB.   |

The Board has also agreed that the following general procedures are now determined:

- Cumberland will respond to Parties' March 10, 2006 written submissions in its opening remarks at the Final Hearing.
- For procedural guidance, Parties can rely on NIRB's draft Rules of Practice for Public Meetings and Hearings (attached to this letter).
- NIRB encourages Parties to resolve issues wherever possible, but notes that any proposed resolutions between Parties and Cumberland be forwarded to NIRB for final direction.

### Agenda Item 5: Meadowbank Site Visit

NIRB will follow up on this item at a date closer to the date of the Final Hearing. NIRB also agreed that a flight over the site may be appropriate given the likelihood for poor weather conditions and the fact that the camp will be closed.

Agenda Item 6: Final Hearing Technical Topics

NIRB decided that the order of the Final Hearing shall proceed by Proponent first, followed by other Parties. In addition, Final Hearing written submissions and presentations prepared by Parties shall be organized by the following technical topics which generally correspond to the Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs) identified by Cumberland in their FEIS:

1. Project Alternatives
2. Water Quality
3. Water Quantity
4. Permafrost
5. Wildlife and Terrestrial Environment
6. Fish and fish habitat
7. Marine environment
8. Socio-economics and archaeology
9. Human Health
10. Cumulative Effects
11. Other

Issues related to Traditional Knowledge should, wherever possible, be organized under the heading of one of the above topics. NIRB recognizes that some issues may relate to more than one of the above topics, in which case NIRB requests that Parties use their own best judgment to determine which of the above topics is most appropriate.

*Details of the specific format for written submissions and presentations will be issued at a later date*

Agenda Item 7: Any other matters relevant to this review

NIRB decided that the presentations prepared for the community based hearings to be held in Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet will be shorter, compressed versions of the presentations prepared for the more technical hearing to be held in Baker Lake. This way, more time will be available to hear the Public.

Please do not hesitate to contact Karlette Tunaley at [ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:ktunaley@nirb.nunavut.ca) or 867-983-4605 for technical issues or myself for any other matters related to the Final Hearing.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: NIRB's Updated Internal Conformity Review Table  
NIRB's draft Rules of Practice for Public Meetings and Hearings

cc. Honourable Andy Scott, Minister Indian and Northern Affairs Canada