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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

April 9, 2013

NWB File No: 2AM-MRY----

To: Mary River Distribution List

Re: **2AM MRY---- Public Hearing: Type “A” Water Licence Application by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation for the Mary River Project**

Further to the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) January 25, 2013 Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference Decision¹ (TC-PHC Decision) for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation’s (BIMC or Applicant) Type “A” Water Licence Application (Application) for the Mary River Project in which interested parties were invited to provide final written submissions by March 22, 2013, the NWB has received written submissions from five (5) intervening parties:

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC);
- Environment Canada (EC);
- Fisheries and Ocean Canada (DFO);
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan); and
- The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA).

Reflecting the Board’s direction in the TC-PHC Decision, on April 5, 2013, the Applicant filed its final written submissions with the Board.

The Board has placed the submissions in its public registry, and access to the information is made available through the NWB’s ftp site using the following link (Username: “**public**”, Password: “**registry**”):

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MRY----%20BIMC/2%20ADMIN/4%20HEARINGS/2%20HEARING/>

It should be noted that in keeping with Rule 12.4 of the NWB’s general *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearings* (2005) that requires all written submissions to be filed with the

¹ Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Regarding Application for Type “A” Water Licence by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation for the Mary River Project, dated January 25, 2013.

Board at least 15 days prior to the commencement of the Public Hearing and the deadlines for filing written submissions provided to the parties by the NWB in the TM/PHC Decision, the Board anticipates that there will be no additional final written submissions filed with the Board prior to the Mary River Project Public Hearing, scheduled for **April 23-25, 2013** in Pond Inlet, Nunavut.

In preparation for the Public Hearing, the NWB has attached the Agenda to this correspondence. The NWB recommends that prospective participants review their submissions and the relevant documents associated with the Application with the aim of identifying, during the Public Hearing, the issues or items in their submissions that have been resolved or remain outstanding and/or ongoing. The Applicant and each intervening party will be allotted 90 minutes and 60 minutes, respectively, for their PowerPoint presentations. The NWB has arranged for simultaneous English-to-Inuktitut or Inuktitut-to-English interpretation to ensure that all interested persons are able to fully participate in the hearing. Further, to provide community members with access to the information presented, intervening parties should make available for distribution during the Public Hearing, paper copies in English and Inuktitut of their presentations (50 copies in English and 50 copies in Inuktitut). To assist NWB in ensuring that adequate preparations are made to accommodate participants during the hearing, it is requested that all intervening parties provide the Board with the following information via email to licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org before **April 18, 2013 (4 p.m. MST)**:

1. Confirmation of the number and names of the person(s) that will be representing each intervening party during the Public Hearing; and
2. Electronic copies (English and Inuktitut versions) of each PowerPoint presentation.

Should you have any inquiries on technical matters related to the above, please contact Sean Joseph, Technical Advisor, at (604) 321-8185 or by email to sjoseph@nunavutwaterboard.org or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services, at (780) 443-4406 or by email to dts@nunavutwaterboard.org. For inquiries on procedural matters and/or request for information, please contact Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing, at 867-360-6338 or by email to licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Regards,



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Nunavut Water Board

AGENDA

Public Hearing

Mary River Project Type “A” Water Licence Application

(NWB LICENCE NO. 2AM-MRY---)

April 23-25, 2013 - Atakaalik (Pond Inlet) Community Hall

1. Opening Prayer;
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson, which shall include the purpose of the Hearing and the scope of matters which will be considered by the Board;
3. Introduction of the Board Members and staff;
4. Identification and introduction of the Parties;
5. Introduction of the Elders and their role in the Hearing;
6. Introduction and Identification of the persons, associations, agencies, etc., who have not submitted interventions but who have expressed a desire to speak at the Hearing;
7. Identification of any Motions or any objections;
8. Presentation by the Applicant;
9. Questioning of the Applicant by Parties respecting the Applicant’s presentation;
10. Questioning by the Board staff and Panel Members
11. Presentation by Interveners;
12. Questioning of Interveners by Parties;
13. Questioning by the Board staff and Panel Members;
14. Presentation by any other persons, associations, agencies, etc. who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak;
15. Questioning of other persons, associations, agencies, etc. by Parties;
16. Question by the Board staff and Panel Members;

17. Upon completion of presentations by all Parties, the Board will give the Applicant the opportunity to reply. Then all Parties will have the opportunity to make final closing statements taking into account matters raised at the Hearing;
18. Closing remarks by the Chairperson; and
19. Closing Prayer.