

Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325

July 26, 2019

To: Mary River Distribution List

Subject: Invitation to the Teleconference on the NWB Technical Meeting for the Application for Amendment to Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325; Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

Dear Parties:

On May 16, 2019, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) distributed its Notice of Application for an Amendment to Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325 (Application) assigned to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (BIMC or Applicant). The Applicant requested to amend Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325 (Licence) to include Phase 2 Expansion of the Mary River mine. The Board notes that the Phase 2 Development Project Proposal is currently assessed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). By issuing the Notice of Application, the Board commenced the technical review stage of the licensing process in coordination with the NIRB.

The following parties provided their comments on the Application on or before July 15, 2019:

- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA);
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC);
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO); and
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA).

On July 16, 2019, the Board requested that the Applicant respond to the parties' comments respecting the deadline of August 16, 2019.

On July 4, 2019, the Board received the letter¹ from BIMC addressing the NWB and the NIRB and requesting the change to the timing of the coordinated process. In particular, the Applicant requested a delay to the NIRB's Final Hearing to November 4-9, 2019 and for the NWB's Technical Meeting

¹ Lou Kamermans (BIMC) to Ryan Barry (NIRB) and Stephanie Autut (NWB), Re: NIRB File No. 08MN053: Proponent's Recommendations for a Revised Review Timeline for the "Phase 2 Proposal", dated July 4, 2019.

and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM/PHC) to be held in November. On July 25, 2019, the NIRB and the NWB issued a joint letter informing of the revised schedule for the NIRB's process and the NWB's intent to host a teleconference to discuss the timing and place of the TM/PHC.

By issuing this letter, the Nunavut Water Board invites all interested parties to attend a short teleconference (60 minutes) commencing at <u>2:00 pm MT (4:00 pm ET) on August 2, 2019 (Friday)</u> to discuss the holding of a TM/PHC for the Application.

Teleconference Call-In Information: Phone: 1-888-289-4573; Access Code: 7214943

The Board requests that the Parties confirm their attendance by 3:00 pm MT (5:00 pm ET) on July 31, 2019.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please direct them by email to Assol Kubeisinova, Technical Advisor, at assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 31).

Sincerely,

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