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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

April 11, 2013

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Address

Re: Letter of Invitation to YOUTH / ELDER / WOMAN / HAMLET / HTO Community Representatives from NAME OF COMMUNITY to participate in the Nunavut Water Board's Public Hearing for the Mary River Project Type A Water License Application

Public Hearing dates: April 23, 24 & 25, 2013, Pond Inlet, NU

Travel dates: Charter transportation available on April 22 and 26, 2013

Dear XXX:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) would like to invite you to participate in the Public Hearing it will be holding for the Mary River Project Type A Water License Application (the Application), submitted by the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Proponent). The Public Hearing is scheduled to occur in Pond Inlet from April 23-25, 2013 (Public Hearing).

The proposed Mary River project involves the construction and operation of an open-pit iron ore mine and related infrastructure approximately 155 kilometers (km) north of Igloolik and 160 km south of Pond Inlet in the North Baffin region.

In order to hear submissions from the members of communities that are potentially affected by the proposed Mary River project, the NWB is inviting representatives, such as yourself, to participate, in person, in the Public Hearing proceedings. The NWB has invited representatives from four (4) communities identified by the NWB and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) as potentially affected by this Application, namely **Hall Beach, Arctic Bay, Igloolik and Clyde River**, to provide input into the process conducted by the NWB during its consideration (and eventual decision) regarding the Application. The Members of the Board responsible for making the decision regarding this Application will be in attendance at the Public Hearing and want to hear the comments, questions, concerns and issues from your community about the Application.

In this role, you will be expected to attend all Public Hearing sessions in Pond Inlet, from Tuesday, April 23 to Thursday, April 25, 2013 (inclusive), and you will be given an opportunity to not only provide your information to the Board Members directly, but also to ask questions of the Proponent and the other parties at the Public Hearing as well.



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Transportation Details

The NWB will provide transportation to Pond Inlet on Monday, April 22, 2013 and returning to each community on Friday, April 26, 2013. The anticipated scheduled pick-up and drop-off times are as follows (subject to weather and mechanical issues):

Day	Date	Pick Up from Community > Arrival in Pond Inlet			
		Arctic Bay	Clyde River	Hall Beach	Igloolik
Monday	22-Apr-13	13:00 > 14:15	19:30 > 21:15	22:30 > 24:00	16:00 > 17:30

Day	Date	Departure from Pond Inlet > Arrival in Community			
		Arctic Bay	Clyde River	Hall Beach	Igloolik
Friday	26-Apr-13	16:00 > 16:45	9:00 > 10:15	8:00 > 9:00	12:45 > 13:45

Please note that the **NWB cannot make changes to the above schedule and itinerary.** Further, before any community representative can travel, they **must** sign a **Travel Agreement**. The Travel Agreement has been attached to this Invitation Letter. Please fax the signed and completed form to the NWB office at **867-360-6369**, attention **Ben Kogvik**, no later than **Thursday, April 18, 2013**. Please note that no one will be permitted to board the aircraft unless a signed and completed Travel Agreement has been received by the NWB by the above date.

Per Diems Allowance

The NWB will offer a per diem allowance to each representative for each full day they attend (in accordance with Treasury Board of Canada policies). This will help cover the cost of meals and other incidental items, at rates in line with those paid by government organizations.

Note that the NWB is unable to offer honoraria to community representatives at the Public Hearing.

Orientation to the Public Hearing

The Public Hearing will begin on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, and the NWB will be holding a brief information meeting for the community representatives **prior to the beginning of the Public Hearing**. This meeting is meant to help prepare participants for what to expect and how they can participate during the Public Hearing. When all representatives have been confirmed, more information regarding this meeting will be provided to each.



The NWB will be coordinating billeting arrangements for representatives with the assistance of the QIA and the community of Pond Inlet.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Kogvik:

Thank you again for agreeing to contribute to this important part of the water licensing process, we look forward to seeing you at the Public Hearing in Pond Inlet.



Damien A. Côté
Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board