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To: The Mary River Distribution List

*Via Email and/or Fax*

**Re: Draft Agenda for the Guidelines Development Workshop for the Part 5 Review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Mary River Project**

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Dear Parties,

As previously announced, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) will be hosting a guidelines development workshop at Nova Inn in Iqaluit on September 29-30, 2009 as part of the NIRB's review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River Project (the Project). A draft agenda and list of confirmed attendees for the workshop has been provided in Appendix A of this letter.

Recently, on September 4, 2009 the NIRB distributed *Revised Draft* Guidelines to this distribution list with a request to parties with jurisdictional authority and/or with technical expertise over any aspect of the Project to offer their comments to the Board, with an indication of key issues for discussion at the upcoming workshop. On or before September 21, 2009 the NIRB received comment submissions from the following parties:

- Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Government of Nunavut
- Natural Resources Canada
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association

All comments submissions have been uploaded to NIRB's ftp site and can be accessed using the following link:

[ftp://nirb.ca/-/REVIEWS/CURRENT\\_REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND\\_MARY\\_RIVER/2-REVIEW/03-SCOPING & GUIDELINES/EIS GUIDELINES/2-REVISED/COMMENTS/](ftp://nirb.ca/-/REVIEWS/CURRENT_REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND_MARY_RIVER/2-REVIEW/03-SCOPING_%20GUIDELINES/EIS_GUIDELINES/2-REVISED/COMMENTS/)

The NIRB would like to thank all parties for the time and effort spent reviewing the *Revised Draft* Guidelines and submitting detailed comments for the Board's

consideration. All comment submissions will be carefully reviewed and, along with the results of discussions at the upcoming workshop, taken into full consideration by the NIRB as it finalizes the Guidelines for the Project.

We are looking forward to a productive workshop and the continued participation of all interested parties as we move forward in the review of this Project. If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please don't hesitate to contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor, directly via email at [liwan@nirb.ca](mailto:liwan@nirb.ca).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ryan Barry  
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Attachment:      Appendix A – Draft Workshop Agenda

Guidelines Development Workshop  
for the Part 5 Review of the Mary River Project  
September 29 & 30, 2009  
Nova Inn, Iqaluit, NU

**Objectives:**

- Bring together parties with jurisdictional authority over the project and/or with technical expertise to offer.
- Resolve outstanding issues pertaining to the *Revised Draft* EIS Guidelines prior to finalization by the Board.
- Discuss the NIRB/NPC joint review process and the NIRB/NWB detailed coordinated process framework for this review.

**Notes:**

- Simultaneous English/Inuktitut interpretation will be available
- Seating at the table for each organization during discussions will be limited– there will be additional seating for observers, and parties are encouraged to switch representatives for sessions as appropriate.
- The workshop will be chaired by Ryan Barry, NIRB Director of Technical Services

**Tuesday, September 29, 2009 (Morning & Afternoon)**

- 8:30 – 9:00    Introductory remarks
- 9:00 – 9:30    Project update - Baffinland
- 9:30 – 10:15   NIRB-NPC joint review process (Guidelines Section 1.4.1; Process Map)
- 10:15 – 10:30   Health Break
- 10:30 – 12:00   NIRB-NWB Detailed Coordinated Process Framework (Guidelines Section 1.4.2; Process Map)
- 12:00 – 1:30    Break for lunch
- 1:30 – 2:30    Traditional Knowledge (Guidelines Section 2.5 and throughout)
- 2:30 – 3:00    Assessment boundaries (Guidelines Section 5.4)
- Life cycle approach for wildlife (both terrestrial and marine mammals)
  - The inclusion of exploration as a requirement.
- 3:00 – 3:15    Health Break

- 3:15 – 4:45 Project components (Guidelines Section 6)
- Railway
  - Shipping (route and ice-breaking)
  - Access roads

4:45 – 6:45 Break for dinner

**Tuesday, September 29, 2009 (Evening)**

- 6:45 – 7:45 Impact Assessment Approaches (Guidelines Section 7)
- Cumulative Effects Assessment
  - Significance determination
- 7:45 – 8:30 Impact Assessment Approaches (Guidelines Section 7)
- Baseline data (Government roles)
  - General monitoring plan
- 8:30 – 8:45 Health Break
- 8:45 – 9:45 Impact Assessment Approaches (Guidelines Section 7)
- Alternatives analysis
  - Valued Socio-Economic Components (Guidelines Section 7.2.2)

**Wednesday, September 30, 2009 (Morning)**

- 8:30 – 9:30 Biophysical environment and impact assessment (Guidelines Section 8.1)
- List of issues
  - Contaminant loadings in different species.
- 9:30 – 10:30 Socio-economic environment and impact assessment (Guidelines Section 8.2)
- List of issues
  - The data gap in socio-economic aspects
  - Governance and Leadership
- 10:30 – 10:45 Health break
- 10:45 – 11:30 Environmental Management System (Guidelines Section 9)
- Level of detail required
  - Shipping management plan
  - Contingency plan
  - Occupational Health and Safety Plan
- 11:30 – 12:00 Closing remarks and next steps

## Confirmed Attendees:

- Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (BIMC)
  - Derek Chubb; Rod Cooper; Matthew Pickard; Sean Maloney
  - Richard Cook (Knight Piesold)
  - 4 additional attendees
- Nunavut Water Board (NWB)
  - Dionne Filiatrault; Don Carr
- Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)
  - Brian Aglukark
- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI)
  - Jeannie Ehloak; George Hakongak
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)
  - 5 – 8 anticipated attendees
- Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA)
  - Jeff Tulugak
- Hamlet Council of Kimmirut
  - Sandy Akavak
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
  - Dee Karadag (DOE); Mike Mifflin (DOE);
  - Katsak (EDT); Dianne Lapierre (EDT); Willie Hyndman (EDT);
  - Julie Ross (CLEY);
  - Melissa Mifflin (HSS);
  - Eddie Rideout (Education);
  - Anthony Specca (Finance);
  - Josh Gladstone (EIA); Paul Suvega (EIA)
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
  - Tanya Trenholm (Water Resources Division)
  - Margaux Brisco (Environment Division)
  - Seth J. Reinhart (Intergovernmental Affairs & Inuit Relations / Affairs)
  - Ken Landa (Department of Justice)
  - Andrew Cambell (Department of Justice)
  - Jennifer Walsh (Environmental Policy Analyst)
- Northern Projects Management Office
  - Robyn Abernethy-Gillis (observer)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
  - Nicola Johnson; Jane Tymoshuk
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
  - John Clarke
- Transportation Canada (TC)
  - Christopher Aguirre; Doug Soloway (to be confirmed)