

Following receipt of Baffinland's complete IR Response package, the NIRB will conduct a preliminary completeness check to ensure adequate information has been provided to facilitate commencement of the remaining 60 day technical review period and tentative scheduling of a Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference for this review. If the NIRB determines that adequate information has been provided, it is anticipated that the technical review period would re-commence on May 5, 2011 to allow for receipt of all anticipated IR Response submissions from the parties indicated above.

Prior to recommencing the technical review period, the Board will provide an update on its coordination with the NWB and the Nunavut Planning Commission for this review, in addition to providing direction to parties regarding the requested format for comment submissions to the NIRB.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4606 or liwan@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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