



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

October 7, 2011

To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent Via Email

Re: Draft Technical Meeting Agenda for the NIRB's Review of Baffinland's Mary River project

Dear Parties:

On or before October 5, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received technical review comments submissions from interested parties. These comments were based upon parties' review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s (Baffinland or Proponent) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Mary River Project (the Project). As indicated in the Board's August 12, 2011 correspondence to this distribution list, the dates and venues for the forthcoming Technical Meeting, Community Roundtables and Pre-Hearing Conferences (PHC) are as follows:

1. Technical Meeting: Navigator Inn, Iqaluit, October 18-20, 2011
2. Community Roundtable and PHC: Igloolik, November 6-7, 2011
3. Community Roundtable and PHC: Pond Inlet, November 9-10, 2011

All of the technical review comment submissions received and pertaining to the Project are available from the Board's online registry at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND%20MARY%20RIVER/2-REVIEW/06-CONFORMITY%20TECH%20REVIEW/05-TECH%20REVIEW%20COMMENTS/>

The objective of the NIRB's Technical Meeting will be to facilitate face-to-face discussion on technical matters related to the Draft EIS for the Mary River Project in an effort to resolve outstanding technical issues prior to the scheduled Pre-Hearing Conferences (PHCs). During the Technical Meeting, NIRB staff will compile a list of commitments made by the Proponent to address parties' concerns or requirements for additional information. The list of commitments will then be carried forward to the PHC for incorporation into the Board's PHC Report. The Technical Meeting will be facilitated by NIRB staff and will be kept as informal as possible, with breakout sessions on key topics used as needed to allow active participation by the Proponent, regulatory authorities and interested parties.

Parties are advised that the NIRB has made the following arrangements for the Technical Meeting:

- Interpretation: Simultaneous English/Inuktitut interpretation will be available
- Representatives: Seating at the main table for each organization during the meeting will be limited, with a maximum of 2 seats per agency available. Additional seats will be provided for observers or for those representatives who may need to present during a particular session.
- Chairperson: The meeting will be chaired by Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director.
- Materials: The NIRB will have on hand a digital copy of all materials contained within the Board's public registry for the Review of the Project.
- Meeting times: Meetings will start at 8:30 am and run until 5:00 pm, with an hour break for lunch and two 15 minute health breaks throughout the day. Light refreshments will be provided during health breaks. Evening sessions have also been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Based upon a cursory overview of the technical comment submissions received, the NIRB has created the attached *draft* Technical Meeting agenda (Appendix A). The Board has endeavoured to weight the agenda to allot more time for discussion of those items where significant concerns were raised or where regulatory jurisdictions overlap. Where discussions require more time than has been allotted, the NIRB may either extend the session or facilitate breakout groups to continue discussion on key items, allowing the agenda to proceed.

The NIRB welcomes input into the agenda prior to finalization and asks that interested parties submit their suggestions to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca on or before October 14, 2011. The NIRB also requests that parties provide a listing of their planned attendees for the Technical Meeting to the Board on or before October 14, 2011 to allow for the required planning of logistics.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting, please contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor, at liwan@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Erik Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.
Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
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Attached: Appendix A – *Draft* Technical Meeting Agenda

APPENDIX A
DRAFT TECHNICAL MEETING AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 08MN053 – Mary River Project
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland)
Location: Navigator Inn, Iqaluit, NU
Dates: October 18-20, 2011
Times: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Day 1 – Tuesday October 18, 2011

8:30 – 9:00 am NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks
 ▪ Objectives of Technical Meeting
 • Introduction of Participants
 • Housekeeping Items
 • Overview of Agenda

9:00 – 10:15 am Baffinland Presentation: Response to Technical Review Comments

10:15 – 10:30 am Health Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm DEIS Organization, Alternatives Assessment

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

1:00 – 2:45 pm Marine Environment, Marine Wildlife, and Marine Shipping

2:45 – 3:00 pm Health Break

3:00 – 4:45 pm Marine Environment, Marine Wildlife, and Marine Shipping – *continued*

4:45 – 5:00 pm Afternoon Session wrap up

5:00 – 6:30 pm Break for Supper on own

6:30 – 9:00 pm Freshwater Environment, Freshwater Biota and Habitat

Day 2-October 19, 2011 Wednesday-Subject Discussion

8:30 – 8:45 am	NIRB Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Day 1 Recap and Overview of Commitment List
8:45 – 10:15 am	Impact Assessment Methodology, Cumulative Effect Assessment, Transboundary Impact Assessment
10:15 – 10:30 am	<i>Health Break</i>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Birds, Terrestrial Vegetation, Terrestrial Wildlife
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<i>Break for Lunch on own</i>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Birds, Terrestrial Vegetation, Terrestrial Wildlife - <i>continued</i>
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Socio-Economic Environment
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<i>Health Break</i>
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Socio-Economic Environment - <i>continued</i>
5:00 – 6:30 pm	<i>Break for Supper on own</i>
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Atmospheric Environment including Climate, Air Quality, Noise and Vibration

Day 3 – Thursday, October 20, 2011

- 8:30 – 8:45 am NIRB Opening Remarks
 ▪ Day 2 Recap and Overview of Commitment List
- 8:45 – 10:15 am Landforms, Soil, and Permafrost
- 10:15 – 10:30 am Health Break*
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Railway Construction and Operation
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm *Break for Lunch on own*
- 1:00 – 2:45 pm Environmental, Health and Safety Management System
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm Health Break*
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Baffinland's 12.10.2 Exception Application
- 4:45 – 5:00 pm NIRB Closing Remarks and Next Steps
 ▪ Need for Additional Evening Session?