



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

October 17, 2011

To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent Via Email

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

Dear Parties:

As you are aware, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) requested that parties submit technical review comments regarding Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s (Baffinland or the Proponent) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mary River Project (the Project), on or before October 5, 2011. The Board thanks all parties for conducting a thorough review of Baffinland's DEIS and for providing comprehensive technical review comment submissions to the NIRB.

Please be advised that on October 14, 2011, the NIRB received Baffinland's response to the technical review comments submitted by parties. Please note that parties are not expected to have reviewed Baffinland's response to technical review comments in its entirety as the Proponent is scheduled to present this submission on Day 1 of the Technical Meeting, and the draft commitments presented will help to inform subsequent technical discussions. All of the technical review comments, including Baffinland's October 14, 2011 response to parties' submissions can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site 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 NIRB thanks parties for providing comments prior to October 14, 2011 regarding the *draft* Technical Meeting agenda. Based upon this input received and pertaining to the *draft* Technical Meeting agenda, the NIRB has developed a revised agenda in preparation for the commencement of the Technical Meeting (Appendix A). The agenda as presented herein should be considered a working draft meant to guide discussions during the Technical Meeting and which is subject to change as the meeting unfolds. Please note that translated copies of the agenda will be provided at the Technical Meeting.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Hanson', with a stylized, cursive script.

Amanda Hanson
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Erik Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.
Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
David Hohnstein, Nunavut Water Board

Attached: Appendix A – Technical Meeting Agenda

APPENDIX A
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	Landforms, Soil, and Permafrost
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<i>Health Break</i>
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Railway Construction and Operation
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 Socio-Economic Environment
- Methodology
 - Impact Predictions, Significance Determination, and Analysis
 - Monitoring and Mitigation Plans
- 10:15 – 10:30 am *Health Break*
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Socio-Economic Environment – *continued*
- Methodology
 - Impact Predictions, Significance Determination, and Analysis
 - Monitoring and Mitigation Plans
- 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 Abandonment, Closure and Reclamation
- 4:45 – 5:00 pm NIRB Closing Remarks and Next Steps
- Need for additional session
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm *Break for Supper on own*
- 6:30 – 9:00 pm Baffinland's 12.10.2 Exception Application