

April 18, 2012

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 Sent via Email

Subject: Community Consultations since submission of Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ryan,

Baffinland is pleased to inform the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) that since the submission of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Baffinland successfully arranged and completed visits to the following communities with the main objective of reviewing the FEIS, the NIRB and Nunavut Water Board (NWB) review process, the 2012 work plan and specific field programs relevant to local communities.

Community	Date	Topic
Igloolik	February 22 nd	Archaeology, FEIS and 2012 work
Pond Inlet	February 22 nd	Archaeology, FEIS and 2012 work
Hall Beach	February 28 th	FEIS Review and 2012 Work
Clyde River	March 13 th	FEIS Review and 2012 Work
Arctic Bay	March 20 th	FEIS Review and 2012 Work
Cape Dorset	March 27 th	Marine Mammal Surveys, Seabird Work with Environment Canada, FEIS and 2012 Work
Kimmiut	March 29 th	Marine Mammal Surveys, Seabird Work with Environment Canada, FEIS and 2012 Work

Each community visit was divided into two sessions. First, the QIA Mary River Committee, Baffinland representatives, and Hamlet representatives, met to review the FEIS, including a breakdown of each binder, and concluded with a question and comment period. A noteworthy additional topic discussed in Igloolik and Pond Inlet included a 4-8 hour session on archeology mitigation plans for Steensby and Milne Port. In the communities of Cape Dorset and Kimmiut, winter surveys for marine mammals in Hudson Strait were communicated along with questions and answers. Baffinland was pleased to have a representative of Environment Canada attend meetings in Cape Dorset and Kimmiut to

communicate ongoing seabird studies in Hudson Strait that will be commencing in June in collaboration with Baffinland. The multiyear studies will achieve a better understanding of Eider Duck movement throughout the year.

Following the Mary River Committee meetings in each community, a public meeting was held in the evening. During these public meetings, an overview of the FEIS, 2012 work plans and field programs (if applicable) were reviewed, followed by a question and answer period. These sessions were generally well attended. Simultaneous translation was provided at all meetings.

Community members and the Mary River Committee from each of the communities were appreciative of the sessions which allowed for lengthy discussion with questions and answers pertinent to community interests. The meetings confirmed several important interests as summarized below:

- Cultural resources and artifacts associated with the Mary River Project are very important and Elders from Igloolik are keen to work with Baffinland, CLEY and the Inuit Heritage Trust in 2012.
- All marine and terrestrial wildlife are valued and should be protected for future generations and the wellbeing of the region.
- Jobs are very hard to come by and the Mary River Project will be an important opportunity for younger men and women.
- Inuit would like to participate in future monitoring of Project activities, especially for potential impacts to wildlife.
- Benefits to all Inuit from the Mary River Project as negotiated through the IIBA need to be considered.
- The need for continued consultation from Baffinland and QIA.

On April 12th, 2012, Baffinland commenced a second round of community consults starting with Igloolik. The focus of the consultations are to communicate social and economic aspects presented in the FEIS, provide an overview of training opportunities and review key business opportunities for local communities. Similar to the first round of community consultations, social and economic meetings will be conducted in two parts in each community, focusing on a Mary River Committee meeting followed by a public session.

If you have any questions regarding community consultations, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Joe Tigullaraq or Oliver Curran.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Madsen'.

Erik Madsen

Vice-President Sustainable Development, Health, Safety & Environment

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Mayors

Abraham Kublu, Pond Inlet
Frank May, Arctic Bay
Paul Hauli, Hall Beach
Apiusie Apak, Clyde River
Qinnujuaq Pudlat, Kimmirut
Padlaja Qiatsuq, Cape Dorset
Nicholas Arnatsiaq, Igloolik

Robin Aitken, AANDC
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Doug Stenton, CLEY
Eric Kan, DFO
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Georgina Williston, DFO
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Allison Dunn, EC
James Hodson, EC
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