



NIRB File No. 08MN053
NWB File No. 2AM-MRY-----

April 27, 2012

Mary River Distribution List

Sent via Email

Re: Revised Agenda for Upcoming Technical Meeting for the Mary River Project

Dear Parties:

On April 24, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued correspondence to this distribution list seeking input to the *draft* agenda for the NIRB's upcoming Technical Meeting for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) Mary River project (NIRB File No. 08MN053). On or before April 26, 2012, input was received from the Government of Nunavut and from Baffinland.¹

The NIRB thanks parties for their efforts in reviewing the draft agenda and providing a timely response to the Board's request for input. The NIRB has revised the attached meeting agenda (Appendix A) to address the following:

- Day 1: Time allotted for Baffinland's introductory presentation significantly reduced to allow for Baffinland to give brief introduction to each thematic session instead, per the Proponent's request.
- Day 2: Inclusion of overwintered fuel vessels into session titled: "Marine shipping, marine environment, marine wildlife, impact assessment including ballast water and fuel spill modeling, marine wildlife monitoring and mitigation" at the request of the Government of Nunavut.
- Day 3: Inclusion of archaeological resources into session titled: "Biophysical environment including terrestrial environment, vegetation, and related mitigation/monitoring programs" at the request of the Government of Nunavut.
- Day 3: Additional clarification given to identifying concurrent sessions, at the request of Baffinland.

¹ Submissions available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND%20MARY%20RIVER/2-REVIEW/08-FINAL%20EIS/01-CORRESPONDENCE/>.

- Day 3: Included Qikiqtani Inuit Association for socio-economic session addressing update to Inuit Impact and Benefits Agreement negotiations.

In addition to receiving input regarding the agenda as circulated earlier this week, the NIRB also received confirmation from a number of Parties regarding planned attendance at the Technical Meeting to be held next week. A listing of participants is included as Appendix B.

A number of agencies identified a preference for attending the meeting via teleconference. In an effort to maximize participation the NIRB will be making a teleconferencing option available, however we would remind parties choosing to participate via this method that despite best efforts to remain on schedule, the agenda is subject to change based upon the progression of the meeting and other considerations that may arise. Should there be substantial changes to the agenda, we will provide notice to this distribution list with as much notice as possible. Parties planning to participate via teleconference are encouraged to participate for full or half-day sessions in order to avoid missing an opportunity to engage in discussion with the Proponent and other agencies. Finally, teleconferencing requires that all parties be respectful of others when engaging in discussions and the NIRB will be required to ensure that all parties adhere to a formal speaking order during the meetings.

Meeting Logistics:

Location: Navigator Inn, Iqaluit, NU

Teleconference: **Call in number:** **1-888-289-4573**
Participant code: **7610674**

Dates and Times: March 1-3, 2012, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

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.

As previously mentioned, the meeting will be kept as informal as possible, with additional break-out sessions to be arranged as required. Parties should be prepared to speak to whether or not their IRs have been satisfactorily addressed by Baffinland and, if not, to provide clarification as to what issues remain outstanding in order to prepare final written submissions.

The NIRB looks forward to facilitating discussions that may assist to address and/or resolve outstanding key information requirements that are needed for the development of parties' final written submissions. Should you have questions and/or comments regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting or other matters pertaining to the NIRB's Review of the Mary River project, please contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4606 or via email at liwan@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Appendix A – Revised Agenda
Appendix B – Confirmed Technical Meeting Participants

NIRB File No.: 08MN053 – Mary River Project
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland)
Location: Navigator Inn, Iqaluit, NU
Dates: May 1-3, 2012
Times: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 1, 2012

8:30 – 9:00 am NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Objectives of Meeting of Technical Experts
- Introduction of Participants
- Housekeeping Items
- Overview of Agenda

9:00 am – 9:15 am Baffinland Presentation: Response to Information Requests (IRs)

9:15 am – 10:15 am Conclusions presented in the FEIS pertaining to alternatives assessment, methodologies, etc.

10:15 – 10:30 am Health Break

10:30 am – 11:15 am Conclusions presented in the FEIS pertaining to alternatives assessment, methodologies, etc. – *continued*

11:15 am – 12:00 pm Physical environment including air quality, fresh water, soils and landforms, and related mitigation/monitoring programs

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

1:00 – 2:45 pm Physical environment including air quality, fresh water, soils and landforms, and related mitigation/monitoring programs – *continued*

2:45 – 3:00 pm Health Break

3:00 – 5:00 pm Railway design, construction, and operations including related mitigation/monitoring programs (*excludes terrestrial wildlife*)

Day 2 – Wednesday, May 2, 2012

8:30 – 8:45 am NIRB Opening Remarks

- Day 1 Recap and Day 2 brief

- 8:45 – 10:15 am Candidate marine baseline studies including updates regarding progress toward delineation of candidate studies
- 10:15 – 10:30 am Health Break**
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Marine shipping, marine environment, marine wildlife, impact assessment including ballast water and fuel spill modeling, marine wildlife monitoring and mitigation, use of overwintered fuel vessels
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own**
- 1:00 – 2:45 pm Marine shipping, marine environment, marine wildlife, impact assessment including ballast water and fuel spill modeling, marine wildlife monitoring and mitigation, use of overwintered fuel vessels – *continued*
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm Health Break**
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Marine environmental monitoring, including updates regarding community engagement and proposed collaborative monitoring program, and related shipping management plans
- 4:45 – 5:00 pm Afternoon session wrap-up

Day 3 – Thursday, May 3, 2012

- 8:30 – 8:45 am NIRB Opening Remarks
- Day 2 Recap and Day 3 brief
- 8:45 – 10:15 am *Concurrent Sessions*
- 1) Biophysical environment including terrestrial environment, vegetation, archaeological resources, and related mitigation/monitoring programs
 - 2) Socio-economic environment and related mitigation/monitoring programs
 - Baffinland & QIA provide update re IIBA negotiations
- 10:15 – 10:30 am Health Break**
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm *Concurrent sessions*
- 1) Terrestrial wildlife – caribou, birds and habitat and related mitigation/monitoring programs

- 2) Socio-economic environment and related mitigation/monitoring programs – *continued*

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

1:00 – 2:45 pm *Concurrent Sessions*

- 1) Terrestrial wildlife – caribou, birds and habitat and related mitigation/monitoring programs – *continued*
- 2) Socio-economic environment and related mitigation/monitoring programs – *continued*

2:45 – 3:00 pm ***Health Break***

3:00 – 4:00 pm *Concurrent Sessions*

- 1) Terrestrial wildlife – caribou, birds and habitat and related mitigation/monitoring programs – *continued*
- 2) Socio-economic environment and related mitigation/monitoring programs – *continued*

4:00 – 5:00 pm NIRB Presentation Re Next Steps and a Final Hearing: What to Expect?
▪ Question & Answer period open to parties (presentation, coordinated process, next steps, etc.)

APPENDIX B – CONFIRMED TECHNICAL MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Party		Number of Attendees	Teleconference	Requested call in lines
EC		2		
PC		1		
NPMO		1	Yes, Manik Duggar: May 1-3	1
Makivik		0	May 2 & 3	1
TC		1	Yes	1
CTA		0	Yes, May 1: 3-5 pm - Rail design May 3: 10:30-12, 1	1
AANDC		5	Yes	2
NRCan		0	Yes	5
GN	Department of Culture Language Elders and	1		
	Department of Economic	2		
	Department of Environment	4		
	Department of Executive and Intergovernmental	2		
	Department of Finance	1		
	Department of Health and Social Services	1		
	Department of Justice	2		
DFO		3	Yes, on May 2	1
NTI		2		
QIA		4		
Observer – Lloyd Lispett		1	Potentially	1
NWB		1		
NIRB		6		