



**NIRB File No.: 08MN053**

July 10, 2012

To: Mary River Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Agenda for the Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of Baffinland's Mary River project proposal**

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Dear Parties,

On June 26, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a draft agenda for the upcoming Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Mary River project proposal, requesting that interested parties review the document and provide the Board with their comments by July 3, 2012. On July 3, 2012 the NIRB received correspondence from the Northern Projects Management Office, sent on behalf of various federal government departments and agencies, requesting an extension to Monday, July 9, 2012 for this comment deadline. In an effort to ensure all parties had adequate time to assist with the ongoing preparations for the Final Hearing, the NIRB subsequently extended the deadline for comments on the draft agenda to Friday, July 6, 2012.

Comments regarding the agenda for the upcoming Final Hearing have now been received from Baffinland Iron Mines Corp., the Government of Nunavut, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and the Northern Projects Management Office; all comment submissions can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND%20MARY%20RIVER/2-REVIEW/09-HEARING/01-CORRESPONDENCE/>

The Board has now revised the draft agenda, incorporating the comments received from parties and accommodating for requested presentation times where possible. A finalized agenda for the Final Hearing in Iqaluit, Igloolik and Pond Inlet has been attached as Appendix A to this letter and is being provided for the information of all parties.

As a reminder, the NIRB previously requested that all parties confirm planned attendance at each Hearing venue, and identify the name(s) of individuals to be presenting evidence to the Board (delivering technical presentations). We request that this information be provided by **Tuesday July 10, 2012**.

The NIRB has also requested that all parties submit technical and summary presentations (in English, Inuktitut and French) to the NIRB staff electronically in Microsoft PowerPoint format on or before **Tuesday July 10, 2012**. We appreciate the efforts of parties to provide presentation materials as requested, as the NIRB requires these materials to prepare packages for community roundtable participants.

The NIRB appreciates the efforts by all parties to date in preparation for the upcoming Final Hearing and looks forward to continuing constructive discussions at the Final Hearing for the Mary River project proposal.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming Final Hearing or the NIRB's Review of the Mary River project, please contact Amanda Hanson, Director of Technical Services, at [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4615.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Erik Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.

Attached: Appendix A – Final Hearing Agenda

## APPENDIX A: FINAL HEARING AGENDA

- NIRB File No.:** 08MN053 – Mary River Project
- Proponent:** Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland)
- Moderator:** Elizabeth Copland, NIRB Acting Chairperson
- Locations/Dates:** Cadet Hall, Iqaluit, NU – July 16-20, 2012  
Ataguttaaluk High School, Igloolik, NU – July 23-25, 2012  
Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU – July 26-28, 2012
- Times:** All times are approximate. The order of presenters and time allocated for presentations are subject to change during the Hearing at the Moderator's discretion:
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| Technical Sessions:                     | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Community Roundtable Sessions:          | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Evening Sessions ( <i>as required</i> ) | 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm |
- Note (1):** Witnesses appearing on behalf of registered Intervenors will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Panels of witnesses may be used for the presentation of evidence.
- Note (2):** All testimony will be recorded and transcribed, and at some locations the proceedings will be filmed.

### Monday July 16, 2012 – Day 1, Iqaluit

#### General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Moderator with introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc. (*30 minutes*)
2. Identification of motions or objections

#### Technical session

3. Swearing in/affirmation of Proponent's witnesses and marking exhibits
4. Presentations by the Proponent - Note: time for questions by Board Members and Intervenors will be provided following presentations (b) - (f):
  - a. Introduction (*30 minutes*)
  - b. Milne Inlet Tote Road, Mary River Mine Site and Railway (*40 minutes*)
  - c. Shipping and the Marine Environment (*80 minutes*)
  - d. Terrestrial Wildlife and Migratory Birds (*40 minutes*)
  - e. Spill Prevention and Emergency Response (*40 minutes*)
  - f. Socio-Economics and Archaeology (*40 minutes*)
5. Close of day 1

## **Tuesday July 17, 2012 – Day 2, Iqaluit**

### Technical session (Continued from Day 1)

6. Opening Remarks by the Moderator
7. Presentations from registered Intervenors – Note: following each Intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other Intervenors and the Proponent.
  - g. Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (20 minutes)
  - h. Qikiqtani Inuit Association (45 minutes)
  - i. Nunavut Planning Commission (20 minutes)
  - j. Government of Nunavut (100 minutes)
  - k. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (20 minutes)
  - l. Canadian Transportation Agency (30 minutes)
8. Close of Day 2

## **Wednesday July 18, 2012 – Day 3, Iqaluit**

### Technical session (Continued from Day 2)

9. Opening Remarks by the Moderator
10. Presentations from registered Intervenors. Note: following each Intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other Intervenors and the Proponent.
  - m. Environment Canada (30 minutes)
  - n. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (40 minutes)
  - o. Canadian Coast Guard (20 minutes)
  - p. Natural Resources Canada (20 minutes)
  - q. Transport Canada (30 minutes)
  - r. Makivik Corporation (20 minutes)
  - s. Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board (20 minutes)
  - t. Zacharias Kunuk (20 minutes)
11. Close of Day 3

## **Thursday July 19, 2012 – Day 4, Iqaluit**

### General Opening

12. Opening Remarks by Moderator

### Community Roundtable Session

13. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Milne Inlet Tote Road, Mary River Mine Site and Railway, Terrestrial Wildlife and Migratory Birds, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response (40 minutes)
14. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenors by community members in respect of Milne Inlet Tote Road, Mary River Mine Site and Railway, Terrestrial Wildlife and Migratory Birds, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response
15. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
16. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Shipping & Marine Environment and Steensby Port (30 minutes)

17. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenor by community members in respect of Shipping & Marine Environment and Steensby Port
18. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
19. Close of day 4

#### **Friday July 20, 2012 – Day 5, Iqaluit**

##### Community Roundtable Session

20. Opening Remarks by Moderator
21. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Socio-Economics and Archaeology (20 minutes)
22. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenor by community members on Socio-Economics and Archaeology
23. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
24. Closing Remarks (120 minutes)

#### **Monday July 23, 2012 – Day 6, Igloolik**

##### General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Moderator with introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc. (30 minutes)
2. Identification of motions or objections

##### Technical session

3. Swearing in/affirmation of witnesses and marking of any exhibits not previously entered
4. Summary Presentation by Proponent (90 minutes)
5. Summary Presentations by Intervenor. Note: following each Intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other Intervenor and the Proponent.
  - a. Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (10 minutes)
  - b. Qikiqtani Inuit Association (20 minutes)
  - c. Government of Nunavut (30 minutes)
  - d. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (10 minutes)
  - e. Canadian Transportation Agency (15 minutes)
  - f. Environment Canada (15 minutes)
  - g. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (20 minutes)
  - h. Canadian Coast Guard (10 minutes)
  - i. Natural Resources Canada (10 minutes)
  - j. Transport Canada (15 minutes)
  - k. Zacharias Kunuk (20 minutes)
6. Close of day 6

## **Tuesday July 24, 2012 – Day 7, Igloolik**

### General Opening

7. Opening Remarks by Moderator

### Community Roundtable Session

8. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Milne Inlet Tote Road, Mary River Mine Site and Railway, Terrestrial Wildlife and Migratory Birds, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response (*40 minutes*)
9. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenors by community members in respect of Milne Inlet Tote Road, Mary River Mine Site and Railway, Terrestrial Wildlife and Migratory Birds, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response
10. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
11. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Shipping & Marine Environment and Steensby Port (*30 minutes*)
12. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenors by community members in respect of Shipping & Marine Environment and Steensby Port
13. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
14. Close of day 7

## **Wednesday July 25, 2012 – Day 8, Igloolik**

### Community Roundtable Session

15. Opening Remarks by Moderator
16. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Socio-Economics and Archaeology (*20 minutes*)
17. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenors by community members on Socio-Economics and Archaeology
18. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
19. Closing Remarks (*120 minutes*)

## **Thursday July 26, 2012 – Day 9, Pond Inlet**

### General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Moderator with introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc. (*30 minutes*)
2. Identification of motions or objections

### Technical session

3. Swearing in/affirmation of witnesses and marking of any exhibits not previously entered
4. Summary Presentation by Proponent (*90 minutes*)
5. Summary Presentations by Intervenors. Note: following each Intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other Intervenors and the Proponent.
  - a. Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (*10 minutes*)

- b. Qikiqtani Inuit Association (*20 minutes*)
  - c. Nunavut Planning Commission (*10 minutes*)
  - d. Government of Nunavut (*30 minutes*)
  - e. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (*10 minutes*)
  - f. Canadian Transportation Agency (*15 minutes*)
  - g. Environment Canada (*15 minutes*)
  - h. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (*20 minutes*)
  - i. Canadian Coast Guard (*10 minutes*)
  - j. Natural Resources Canada (*10 minutes*)
  - k. Transport Canada (*15 minutes*)
  - l. Zacharias Kunuk (*10 minutes*)
6. Close of day 9

### **Friday July 27, 2012 – Day 10, Pond Inlet**

#### General Opening

- 7. Opening Remarks by Moderator

#### Community Roundtable Session

- 8. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Milne Inlet Tote Road, Mary River Mine Site and Railway, Terrestrial Wildlife and Migratory Birds, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response (*40 minutes*)
- 9. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenors by community members in respect of Milne Inlet Tote Road, Mary River Mine Site and Railway, Terrestrial Wildlife and Migratory Birds, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response
- 10. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
- 11. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Shipping & Marine Environment and Steensby Port (*30 minutes*)
- 12. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenors by community members in respect of Shipping & Marine Environment and Steensby Port
- 13. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
- 14. Close of day 10

### **Saturday July 28, 2012 – Day 11, Pond Inlet**

#### Community Roundtable Session

- 15. Opening Remarks by Moderator
- 16. Summary presentation by the Proponent – Socio-Economics and Archaeology (*20 minutes*)
- 17. Questioning of the Proponent or Intervenors by community members on Socio-Economics and Archaeology
- 18. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Moderator that they wish to speak on this topic
- 19. Closing Remarks (*120 minutes*)
- 20. Close of Proceedings