



NIRB File No. 08MN053

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November 22, 2013

Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

**Re: Revised Agenda for the Upcoming Technical Meeting for the NIRB's 12.8.2
Reconsideration of the Mary River Project Certificate for Baffinland Iron Mines
Corp.'s Early Revenue Phase proposal**

Dear Parties:

On November 8, 2013 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) Early Revenue Phase (ERP) proposal (NIRB File No. 08MN053). On or before November 15, 2013, input was received from Baffinland and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC).

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) as follows:

- Day 1: Time allotted for Baffinland's presentation increased to 1 hour, per the Proponent's request.
- Day 1: Inclusion of a tentative evening session to discuss the Nunavut Planning Commission – NIRB joint review of the proposed transportation corridor associated with the ERP proposal, per the Proponent's request

While AANDC's submission requested that the agenda include a session to discuss general project issues not related to a specific or related set of VECs/VSECs, it is the NIRB's preference that the Technical Meeting follow the sessions as set out in the agenda and as were provided within parties' technical review comment submissions.

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.

Several agencies indicated a need for experts to support meeting attendees via teleconference. In an effort to maximize participation at this meeting, the NIRB will be making a limited 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. Parties planning to participate via teleconference are encouraged to participate for full or half-day sessions 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 set speaking order during the meetings.

Meeting Logistics:

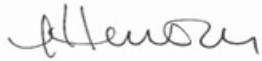
Location:	Navigator Inn, Iqaluit, NU
Teleconference:	Call in number: 1-888-289-4573 Participant code: to be provided to attendees via direct email
Dates and Times:	November 26-28, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm; <i>evening sessions to be held from 6:30-9:00 pm as required</i>
Meeting times:	Meetings will start at 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 technical review comments 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.

Parties should be advised that the NIRB will keep track of any commitments made by the Proponent and other parties during the Technical Meeting and that an ongoing review of these commitments by all parties will be needed in order to ensure the listing is agreeable at the conclusion of the Technical Meeting. It is anticipated that listings from each day will be provided at the start of the next day for review and that any comments or issues will be raised during the end of day wrap up for discussion.

Should you have questions or require any additional clarification regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting or the NIRB's consideration of the Mary River ERP proposal, please contact Jaswir Dhillon, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4609 or via email at jdhillon@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 (Early Revenue Phase)
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland)
Location: Navigator Inn, Iqaluit, NU
Dates: November 26-28, 2013
Times: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 – 5:00 pm (*evening sessions 6:30-9:30 pm as required*)

Day 1 – Tuesday, November 26, 2013

8:30 – 9:00 am	NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Objectives of Technical Meeting ▪ Introduction of Participants ▪ Housekeeping Items ▪ Overview of Agenda
9:00 – 10:00 am	Baffinland Presentation: Response to Technical Review Comments & Recommended Term and Condition Amendments
<i>10:00 – 10:15 am</i>	<i>Health break</i>
10:15 – 11:15 am	Conclusions presented in the FEIS pertaining to alternatives assessment and methodologies; discussion of accidents and malfunctions
11:15 – 12:00 pm	Physical environment including air quality, fresh water, soils and landforms and related mitigation/monitoring programs; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans
<i>12:00 – 1:00 pm</i>	<i>Break for lunch on own</i>
1:00 – 2:45 pm	Physical environment including air quality, fresh water, soils and landforms and related mitigation/monitoring programs; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans – <i>continued</i>
<i>2:45 – 3:00 pm</i>	<i>Health break</i>
3:00 – 4:45 pm	Marine shipping, marine environment, marine wildlife, impact assessment including ballast water and fuel spill modeling, marine environment and wildlife monitoring and mitigation; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Afternoon session wrap-up
<i>5:00 – 6:30 pm</i>	<i>Supper break</i>

6:30 – 9:00 pm Discussion of the status of the Nunavut Planning Commission – Nunavut Impact Review Board joint review of Baffinland’s application to amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan for the ERP proposal

Day 2 – Wednesday, November 27, 2013

8:30 – 8:45 am NIRB Opening Remarks
▪ Day 1 Recap and Day 2 brief

8:45 – 10:15 am Marine shipping, marine environment, marine wildlife, impact assessment including ballast water and fuel spill modeling, marine environment and wildlife monitoring and mitigation; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans – *continued*

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 environment and wildlife monitoring and mitigation; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans – *continued*

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 environment and wildlife monitoring and mitigation; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans – *continued*

2:45 – 3:00 pm Health break

3:00 – 4:45pm Biophysical environment including terrestrial environment, vegetation and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs

4:45 – 5:00 pm Afternoon session wrap-up

Day 3 – Thursday, November 28, 2013

8:30 – 8:45 am NIRB Opening Remarks
▪ Day 2 Recap and Day 3 brief

8:45 – 10:15 am Terrestrial wildlife – caribou, birds and habitat and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs

10:15 – 10:30 am Health break

- 10:30 – 12:00 pm Terrestrial wildlife – caribou, birds and habitat and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs – *continued*
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for lunch on own***
- 1:00 – 2:45 pm Socio-economic environment and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm Health break***
- 3:00 – 4:30pm Cumulative effects assessment and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs
- 4:30 – 5:00 pm NIRB discussion of next steps and Public Hearing
- Question and answer period for parties

APPENDIX B – CONFIRMED TECHNICAL MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Party	Number of Attendees	Teleconference	Requested call in lines
NPC	3	No	
QIA	3	Yes	potential terrestrial (Nov. 27 @ 3pm, Nov. 28 @ 8:45am-noon)
Hamlet of Pond Inlet	1	Yes	(Nov. 26 morning session)
GN	7	No	
NPMO	1	No	
AANDC	4	No	
EC	3-4	No	
DFO	2	Yes	(marine mammals, marine shipping; 3pm Nov. 26 & 8:45-2:45pm Nov. 27)
NRCan	0	Yes	All
PC	2	No	
TC	3	No	
WWF	1	No	