



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

January 17, 2014

To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Draft Agenda for the upcoming Public Hearing for the NIRB's Reconsideration of the Mary River Project Certificate for Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Early Revenue Phase Proposal

Dear Parties,

As previously indicated by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board), the Public Hearing for its assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC; the Proponent) proposed Early Revenue Phase for the Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053) will be held in Pond Inlet January 27 to 31, 2014. The upcoming Public Hearing will provide a public forum for discussion of those technical issues that have been identified and which remain unresolved, as well as issues for which there is public concern and other matters considered relevant to the NIRB's assessment of this proposed project amendment and reconsideration of the terms and conditions of the Mary River Project Certificate. The NIRB anticipates that discussions during the Hearing will result in an identification of issues which the Board will address in its Final Report to the Minister for this assessment.

The NIRB has attached a Draft Hearing Agenda for the information of parties (see **Appendix A**), and hereby invites comments from interested parties regarding the ordering and time allotted to agenda items. Comments to the agenda ordering and time allotment for parties' presentations will continue to be accepted until **5:00 p.m. MST Wednesday January 22, 2014**. Parties should make submissions via email to info@nirb.ca or by fax to (867) 983-2594.

Please be advised that the NIRB will work to ensure that sufficient time is provided to all intervenors to present their submissions to the Board and to the community representatives to discuss their respective comments and concerns during the Community Roundtable session. As indicated previously, the Board notes that the dates and times outlined for technical and community round table sessions remain subject to change at the Chairperson's discretion. All parties are advised to ensure their travel and other logistical arrangements are sufficiently flexible to accommodate modifications to the proposed timing and order of presenters throughout the Public Hearing.

Hearing Format & Attendance

The NIRB will consider comments and suggested revisions submitted in accordance with the timelines prior to its finalization of the Hearing Agenda. The Final Agenda will be provided for the information of all parties on or before **Friday January 24, 2014**.

Parties are advised that each intervenor will be limited to one (1) seat at the table during the technical session of the Hearing. A separate table will be provided at the Hearing venue for those individuals presenting evidence to the Board during technical presentations. Likewise, parties will be asked to be seated in the audience during the community roundtable sessions and agencies addressing questions from the public will be requested to move forward to speak at a table microphone as required.

Presentations

Parties are again advised that all presentation materials must be provided in English and Inuktitut, and French if possible. Parties are also reminded that presentations will serve as formal exhibits to the Hearing proceedings and that the filing of additional materials at the Hearing will be undertaken on an as-needed basis. The NIRB asks that all parties provide sufficient copies of all presentation materials, including translated versions, noting that up to 150 attendees are anticipated. The NIRB recognizes however, that intervenors may modify presentations as the Hearing progresses and asks intervenors to make their own arrangements for producing hardcopies of their presentations as necessary while in Pond Inlet.

Summary of Important Dates


Wednesday Jan 22	Last day for parties to provide comments and suggested revisions to the Draft Agenda to NIRB
	Last day for parties to provide hearing presentations (English, Inuktitut, French) electronically to NIRB
	Last day for parties to confirm attendance of representatives at the Hearing with names of presenters highlighted
Friday Jan 24	NIRB to release final Hearing Agenda

The NIRB respectfully requests that all parties adhere to the above dates and, in particular, provide the Board with presentation materials as requested as these materials are necessary for the NIRB to prepare briefing packages for Community Roundtable participants. The NIRB appreciates the efforts of all parties in preparation for the upcoming Public Hearing and looks forward to continuing constructive discussions with all parties at the Hearing for the assessment of the Mary River Early Revenue Phase proposal.

Once again, comments regarding the Draft Hearing Agenda will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST on Wednesday January 22, 2014. Please forward all forthcoming submission to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or by fax to (867) 983-2594.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Jaswir Dhillon, Technical Advisor, at jdhillon@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4609.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Erik Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.

Attached: Appendix A: Public Hearing *Draft* Agenda

APPENDIX A: PUBLIC HEARING *DRAFT* AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 08MN053 – Mary River Project (**Early Revenue Phase Proposal**)
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland)
Location: Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet
Date: January 27 to 31, 2014

Times: **All times given are approximate. The order of presenters and time given for presentations are subject to change at the Chairperson's discretion during the Hearing:**

Technical Sessions:	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Community Roundtable Sessions:	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Evening Sessions:	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Monday January 27, 2014 – Day 1 (evening session if required)

General Opening

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson 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 each presentation:
 - a. Introduction & Overview (30 minutes)
 - b. Marine Environment (80 minutes)
 - c. Terrestrial Environment (40 minutes)
 - d. Socio-Economics and Heritage Resources (40 minutes)
 - e. Spill Prevention and Emergency Response (40 minutes)
5. Close of Day 1

Tuesday January 28, 2014 – Day 2 (evening session if required)

Technical session (Continued from Day 1)

6. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
7. Presentations from registered intervenors – Note: witnesses appearing on behalf of registered intervenors will be sworn in/affirmed and exhibits will be marked in advance of testimony being given. Following each intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by Board Members, other intervenors and the Proponent. Each intervenor has been allotted a maximum of 20 minutes for their presentations. However, intervenors requiring additional time to present are advised to contact the NIRB as soon as possible to discuss their time requirements:
 - a. Qikiqtani Inuit Association
 - b. Nunavut Planning Commission
 - c. Government of Nunavut (60 minutes)

- d. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
 - e. Environment Canada
 - f. Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - g. Natural Resources Canada
 - h. Parks Canada
 - i. Transport Canada
 - j. Hamlet of Pond Inlet
 - k. Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization
 - l. Zacharias Kunuk
8. Close of Day 2

Wednesday January 29, 2014 – Day 3 (morning)

Technical session (Continued from Day 2)

- 9. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson
- 10. Presentation from registered intervenors (continued from previous day)

Wednesday January 29, 2014 – Day 3 (afternoon & scheduled evening session)

Community Roundtable Session

- 11. Summary presentation by the Proponent (45 minutes)
- 12. Questioning of the Proponent and intervenors by community members
- 13. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
- 14. Close of Day 3

Thursday January 30, 2014 – Day 4 (scheduled evening session)

General Opening

- 15. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

Community Roundtable Session

- 16. Questioning of the Proponent by community members – *continued*
- 17. Presentations by intervenors. Note: following each intervenor's presentation there will be time for questions by community representatives and members of the public. Each intervenor has been allotted 15-20 minutes for their presentations, however intervenors requiring additional time to present are advised to contact the NIRB as soon as possible to discuss their time requirements:
 - a. Qikiqtani Inuit Association
 - b. Nunavut Planning Commission
 - c. Government of Nunavut
 - d. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
 - e. Environment Canada
 - f. Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - g. Natural Resources Canada
 - h. Parks Canada
 - i. Transport Canada

- j. Hamlet of Pond Inlet
 - k. Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization
 - l. Zacharias Kunuk
18. Close of Day 4

Friday January 31, 2014 – Day 5

Community Roundtable Session

- 19. Opening Remarks by Chairperson
- 20. Questioning of the Proponent or intervenors by community members
- 21. Presentations by members of the public who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak on this topic
- 22. Closing Remarks (2 hours)
- 23. Close of Day 5 (5:00 pm)