



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

January 23, 2014

To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Final Agenda for the 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,

On January 17, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a draft agenda for the upcoming 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) pursuant to Section 12.8.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). The Board requested that interested parties review the document and provide the Board with their comments by January 22, 2014.

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

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/08MN053-MARY%20RIVER%20IRON%20MINE/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/04-AMENDMENTS/ERP/07-HEARING/01-CORRESPONDENCE/>.

The NIRB notes that in its submission of comments to the draft Agenda, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association requested that the Mary River Project Committee members be identified as a group seeking to make formal representations during the community roundtable session. The NIRB has provided a time within the agenda under item 26 which allows for members of the public who have indicated a desire to make presentations to the Board. The Board can confirm that the Mary River Project Committee will be called to present at that time.

The Board has revised the draft agenda, incorporating comments received from parties and accommodating for requested presentation times where possible. A finalized agenda for the Public Hearing has been attached as Appendix A to this letter and is being provided for the information of all parties. Please note that the NIRB will provide printed copies of the agenda at the Hearing venue for all parties in both English and Inuktitut.

The NIRB appreciates the efforts by all parties to date in preparation for the upcoming Public Hearing and looks forward to continuing constructive discussions in Pond Inlet next week.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming Public Hearing or the NIRB's Reconsideration of the Mary River Project Certificate for the Early Revenue Phase proposal, please contact Amanda Hanson, Director of Technical Services, at 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
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Erik Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.

Attached: Appendix A – Public Hearing Agenda

APPENDIX A: PUBLIC HEARING 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)
 - a. Welcome remarks from His Worship Charlie Inuarak, Mayor of Pond Inlet
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. Nunavut Planning Commission
 - b. Qikiqtani Inuit Association (30 minutes)

- c. Government of Nunavut (60 minutes)
 - d. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
 - e. Environment Canada
 - f. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (30 minutes)
 - 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 present
- 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. Government of Nunavut
 - c. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
 - d. Environment Canada
 - e. Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - f. Natural Resources Canada
 - g. Parks Canada
 - h. Transport Canada
 - i. Hamlet of Pond Inlet

- j. Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization
 - k. 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 present
- 22. Closing Remarks (2 hours)
- 23. Close of Day 5 (5:00 pm)