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Thank you Madam Chair,

My name is Caleb Sangoya I am the Chairperson for the Pond Inlet Mary River Project Committee and I like to welcome NIRB Board, participants from other affected communities, participants from different boards and agencies to our beautiful community.

When Project Certificate No. 005 was issued to BaffinLand Iron Mines Corporation by the NIRB back in December 28, 2012 for the Mary River Project under certain terms and conditions I didn't think we were going to have another hearing until after 21 years, but here we are once again and I like to thank NIRB Board for holding another hearing for the Mary River Project Early Revenue Phase in our community.

NIRB, I have prepared comments, on behalf of the Pond Inlet Mary River Project Committee, I will give them to you verbally and I would also like to provide you with a hardcopy for your records.

Early Revenue Phase Binders addendum to Final Environmental Impact Statement dated June 2013. Volume 1 Main Document, Volumes 2 through 7 and Volumes 8 through 10 are written in English only therefore we are recommending to NIRB that they make sure future documents pertaining to the Mary River Project are translated into Inuktitut using North Baffin dialect before BLIMC distributes the documents.

We received a copy of the Project Summary both in Inuktitut and English and we went through the document page by page it became obvious that BLIMC cut and paste the project summary from FEIS and just changed the word Steensby Inlet and put Milne Inlet instead, If BLIMC does not believe me I recommend that BLIMC go through the project summary and have someone read the document in Inuktitut while someone who is bilingual follow along in English.

Under Section 1.0 Project Summary.

Banffinland quoted that "It is understood that this Project amendment request would potentially necessitate a reconsideration of the Terms and Conditions contained within Project Certificate No. 005 as issued by the NIRB on December 28, 2012 for the Mary River Project Unquote".

RECOMMENDATION

Pond Inlet Mary River Project Committee recommends that NIRB seriously reconsider the terms and conditions contained in Project Certificate as there are not enough baseline studies and assessments in the new proposed shipping route.

Under 1.2 The Early Revenue Phase.

The NIRB Project Certificate 005 under 1.1 Project Overview, states that quote “During the construction period Milne Inlet Port is identified as freight dock, such as construction material supplies, fuel and mining equipment only. It was purposed that Milne Inlet Port would be operating during the open water season only while Steenby Inlet Port operates year round. Once Steesby Inlet Port is operational, Milne Inlet Port would only be used occasionally for the delivery of oversized equipment to the mine site unquote”.

Madam Chair, Milne Inlet will no longer be just a freight dock as proposed by BLIMC under project certificate 005 as BLIMC is proposing to transport Iron Ore during the open water season during the Early Revenue Phase and maybe even longer who know what other plans BLIMC might have that we are not aware of?

Other communities identified under Project Certificate 005 will no longer be impacted as predicted under NIRB project certificate 005 because of the project change.

RECOMMENDATION

Pond Inlet Mary River Project Review Committee Recommends to NIRB that should the ERP be approved by NIRB that the Inuit Impact Benefits be directed more to the community of Pond Inlet and Clyde River as part of terms and conditions during the ERP until such a time that the proposed Rail Road from Mary River mine site to Steensby Inlet is constructed and operational.

Madam Chair, I have a number of questions for the proponent and they are

Under 1.3 Need for the Project

- Can BLIMC define the word short term? Does it mean like 4yrs, 5 yrs? 7yrs? 10 yrs?
- Why use the word Nominal 3.5 PMTA?
Why not use the word Maximum 3.5 PMTA?
- During Open Water Season?
Can Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation define the word Open water season? It is like when there is absolutely no ice in and or around the vicinity of the project area and or in Eclipse Sound area?
- Very Similar Concept to the Bulk Sample

What is the difference the two?

- BLIMC assumes quote “That complete financing for the approved Project Certificate will become available in 2014 (Which is this year) engineering and mobilization in 2015 (Which is next year). Construction would be completed in 5 years to enable the 1st shipment from Steesby Inlet Port in 2019” unquote.
Does it look promising that the financing for the approved Project will go ahead as planned? Will the engineering and mobilization begin next year as planned?
- BLIMC has quoted “That the Project also contributes to Canada’s northern strategy for strengthening Canada's sovereignty in the North.

Mary River Project Committee recommends that the Federal Gov’t use some of the royalties collected from the Mary River project to initiate Pond Inlet airport location, break water project and other future projects envisioned during the early revenue phase??????

1.4 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

- It states that quote “Baffinland should develop a work plan to retain qualified personnel and maximize Inuit participation from the five communities closest to the Project (Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Igloolik Hall Beach and Clyde River during construction phase

Now that the Mary River Project is scaled down to Early Revenue Phase, other communities such as Arctic Bay, Clyde River, Hall Beach, Igloolik and Iqaluit will no longer be affected as much.

Pond Inlet Mary River Project recommends that Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation concentrate on training and hiring employees from Pond Inlet and Clyde River during operation phase, as we will be the only community affected during the Early Revenue Phase, until the rail road and Steensby Inlet Port is in Operational.

1.5 PROJECT CHALLENGES

What happens if Early Revenue Phase does not provide real and measurable benefits for Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation and Stake holders?

What happens if the world commodity price for iron ore does not stabilize?

Once the ERP is fully operational, it is expected that approximately **55 ships** will transit ore annually, does that include annual sealift supplies? and fuel resupplies?

How many would that be including the annual sealift and fuel resupply ships?

1.6 PROJECT SCHEDULE AND PROJECT LIFE

What happens if the Early Revenue Phase cannot commence immediately following the amendment to the Project Certificate?

What happens if current market forecasts for iron ore are incorrect?

1.7 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EARLY REVENUE PHASE

The Mine Site, the Tote Road and Milne Port are the three major Project sites. Both the Mine Site and Milne Port will have all the facilities needed to operate effectively including maintenance and administrative buildings, warehouses and laydown areas, ore stockpiles and associated runoff management facilities, camps, water supply, wastewater treatment plants, waste management facilities including landfills, power generation, fuel depots, telecommunication facilities, and airstrips.

In addition to these facilities, the Mine Site includes the open pit mine, the fleet of trucks to support the mining, facilities to prepare and store explosives, a waste rock pile, a mobile ore crushing sizing facility, and mobile equipment for loading of ore into trucks.

Milne Port will be fully developed for the ERP. The site will include a floating freight dock, and ore dock, a 3.5 million tonnes ore stockpile, multiple laydown areas, camps and sewage treatment facilities, fuel tank farm, and miscellaneous warehouses and administrative buildings.

1.9 CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE

As long as Reclamation plans and Security deposit are in place?

Cumulative effects to caribou movement and mortality **are not expected.**
We disagree, maybe for now but maybe once the caribou come back to the area it might be a different story?

It is concluded that there will be no cumulative effects associated with increased shipping activities along the Milne Inlet-Eclipse Sound shipping route.

We disagree there may be effects after the third year of operation?

Effects on marine water and sediment quality will be limited to small area near the ore loading dock and are predicted to be Not Significant.

We disagree, but we will soon find out if it's true if this project goes ahead?

Effects on marine habitat will be limited to the small footprint of the ore and are predicted to be Not Significant

We disagree, but we will soon find out if it's true if this project goes ahead?

Effects on marine mammal (key indicators species) from open-water shipping activities are **predicted to be Not Significant.**

We disagree, but we will soon find out if it's true if this project goes ahead?

Code of Conduct & Anti-Harassment/Discrimination Policy

Bafinland Iron Mines Corporation will institute a code of conduct and personal harassment and discrimination policy that will include a, a zero tolerance policy, for all employees regarding drugs and alcohol harassment and any discrimination based on race or sex.

We recommend that BLIMC institute a code of conduct as soon as possible.

Inuit Employees Wildlife Harvesting and Firearm

In accordance with NLCA, Inuit Employees can access all Project Areas to harvest wildlife during their leisure time (subject to BLIMC's policies), provided that they do not use any firearms within 1 mile of any building or facility(or greater if required by law or for safety).

We want Inuit employees to be able to do harvesting activities due to a fact that BLIMC and Qikiqtani Inuit Association has agree to it and it is under4 NLCA and I am not which article in is in?

We want NIRB to seriously consider this recommendation.

Thank you Madam Chair.