



**NIRB File No. 08MN053**

May 15, 2014

To: Erik Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation  
Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
David Hohnstein, Nunavut Water Board  
Agnes Simonfalvy, Government of Nunavut  
Karen Costello, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada  
Mark Dahl, Environment Canada  
Georgina Williston, Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Rob Johnstone, Natural Resources Canada  
Meighan Andrews, Transport Canada

*Sent via email*

**Re: Draft Amended Project Certificate for Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Mary River Project – Early Revenue Phase Proposal**

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Dear Parties:

On May 8, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) issued correspondence to parties which requested that, by May 14, 2014, regulatory agencies and interested parties confirm their planned attendance for an upcoming project certificate workshop associated with Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053), to be held via teleconference, May 21, 2014. The NIRB further encouraged parties to consider those terms and conditions from the March 17, 2014 Public Hearing Report which they expected to implement through their respective licences, permits or approvals and, any terms and conditions which, in their view, might require clarification prior to issuance of a Project Certificate.

On or before May 14, 2014 the NIRB received confirmation of planned attendance from the following parties:

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| ▪ Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation                  | ▪ Environment Canada          |
| ▪ Qikiqtani Inuit Association                        | ▪ Fisheries and Oceans Canada |
| ▪ Government of Nunavut                              | ▪ Natural Resources Canada    |
| ▪ Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada | ▪ Parks Canada                |
| ▪ Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency      | ▪ Transport Canada            |
|  | ▪ Nunatsiaq News              |

The NIRB thanks all parties for their efforts to advise of planned representation during the upcoming teleconference workshop, and would ask that any party wishing to attend which has

not yet confirmed its intentions to participate, please provide an indication to our office via [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) as soon as possible.

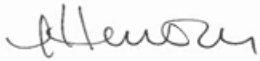
#### NEXT STEPS

As previously committed, the NIRB has enclosed a *draft* Project Certificate for review, which has been amended to include new and revised terms and conditions as set out in the Board's Public Hearing Report for the Early Revenue Phase proposal, and as have since been varied by the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development in his April 28, 2014 correspondence to the NIRB. The NIRB expects that the *draft* Project Certificate as enclosed will form the basis of discussions for the workshop, as set out in the agenda attached as **Appendix A**. Please be advised that for the ease of parties' review, the NIRB has formatted the draft amended Project Certificate in such a manner as to highlight the new and revised terms and conditions for discussion purposes. The Board looks forward to ensuring discussions provide the clarification required for the production of the most effective amended Project Certificate possible.

The NIRB will be following up directly early next week with those parties which have confirmed attendance to provide call-in details; again, the Board requests that those parties which have not yet done so please provide confirmation of participation to our office via [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca).

Should any parties have questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4615 or [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Amanda Hanson  
Director, Technical Services  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Mary River Distribution List

Attachments: Appendix A: Project Certificate Workshop *Draft* Agenda (NIRB File No. 08MN053)

Enclosed: *Draft Amended* Project Certificate No. 005, NIRB File No. 08MN053 (*May 15, 2014*)

**APPENDIX A:  
PROJECT CERTIFICATE WORKSHOP *DRAFT* AGENDA**

**Dates:** Wednesday May 21, 2014

**Times:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm MT (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 ET)

**Call-In:** Will be provided to confirmed attendees at a later date

**Objective:**

- Bring together the Proponent and relevant regulatory authorities to facilitate discussions on the implementation of terms and conditions contained within the amended Project Certificate into their respective licences, certificates and permits.
- Identify specific points of clarification required for *amended* and *new* terms and conditions prior to finalization and issuance of the Project Certificate by the Board.

**Notes:**

- The workshop will be moderated by Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director.
- Each party will be provided with an opportunity to speak to agenda items in an ordered fashion. Time limits will be implemented as necessary.
- Owing to the teleconference format, the session will be conducted in English only, with concurrent Inuktitut interpretation available if necessary.
- Short break times will be provided during the call at times to be determined by the moderator.
- All times listed below are in Mountain Time, and are subject to change at the discretion of the moderator.

**Agenda – Wednesday May 21, 2014**

- 9:00 am      Welcome and Introductions  
                 NIRB Opening Remarks
- 9:15 am      Meteorology and Climate: Terms and Conditions 1  
                 Air Quality: Terms and Conditions 7-10  
                 Noise and Vibration: Terms and Conditions 14(a), 14 (b), 15  
                 Hydrology and Hydrogeology: Terms and Conditions 16  
                 Groundwater/Surface Waters: Terms and Conditions 21
- 10:30 am      *Health Break*
- 10:45 am      Landforms, Geology and Geomorphology: all Terms and Conditions apply to  
                 ERP, no new or amended  
                 Vegetation: all Terms and Conditions apply to ERP, no new or amended  
                 Freshwater Aquatic Environment: Terms and Conditions 48(a)  
                 Terrestrial Wildlife: Terms and Conditions 51, 53, 54, 58, 59  
                 Birds: all Terms and Conditions apply to ERP, no new or amended  
                 Marine Environment, Marine Water/Ice, Sediments: Terms and Conditions 77,  
                 83, 83(a), 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 97

Marine Wildlife and Marine Habitat: Terms and Conditions 99, 101, 102, 103 (Ministerial amendment), 104, 105, 106-107 (Ministerial amendment), 108-110, 113-116, 118, 125, 125(a)

12:15 pm     *Health Break*

12:30 pm     Education and Training: Terms and Conditions 139  
Livelihood and Employment: all Terms and Conditions apply to ERP, no new or amended  
Economic Development and Self Reliance, and Contracting and Business Opportunities: Terms and Conditions 149, 150  
Human Health and Well-Being: all Terms and Conditions apply to ERP, no new or amended  
Culture, Resources and Land Use: Terms and Conditions 164

2:00 pm     Accidents and Malfunctions: Terms and Conditions 171 (Ministerial amendment), 173, 176, 177  
Operational Variability: Terms and Conditions 179(a), 179(b)  
Transboundary Effects: Terms and Conditions 180-182 (Ministerial amendment)

2:50 pm     NIRB Closing Remarks