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March 28, 2019

To: Mary River Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Final Agenda for the Upcoming NIRB Technical Meeting for Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s "Phase 2 Development" Project Proposal**

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Dear Parties:

On March 1, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a *Draft* Agenda for the upcoming Technical Meeting for the NIRB's assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) "Phase 2 Development" project proposal, a proposed amendment to the approved Mary River Project (NIRB File No.: 08MN053). As part of the correspondence, the NIRB requested that interested parties provide our office with the confirmation of their attendance, including any specific logistical arrangements required during the Technical Meeting.

On or before March 25, 2019, the NIRB received the list of representatives that are planning on attending the Technical Meeting in Iqaluit. At this time, the NIRB is also requesting a response from any party that has yet to submit the names of individuals to be attending the upcoming Technical Meeting, noting names and positions. The NIRB respectfully requests that this information be provided directly to the NIRB on or before **5:00 pm MDT, April 2, 2019**.

The NIRB has considered the revisions to the draft meeting agenda proposed by Baffinland in its March 12, 2019 correspondence to the Board and has largely adopted the suggested re-ordering to better align with the format used in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Addendum and response to technical review comments. The *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda has been attached as [Appendix A](#) for the information of all parties.

The NIRB also notes that the Government of Canada has requested for teleconference option during the sessions, as a possibility for federal agencies and other interested parties to listen to the proceedings by phone. In an effort to accommodate this request and maximize participation at this meeting, the NIRB will be making a limited teleconferencing option available. The NIRB reminds 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.

#### MEETING LOGISTICS

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.

The NIRB will track commitments made by the Proponent and other parties during the Technical Meeting to address technical issues identified in the FEIS Addendum. Time may be allotted within the proceedings for a cursory review of these commitments by all parties to enable the listing to be finalized at the conclusion of the Technical Meeting. It is anticipated that the commitment list from each day will be provided at the start of the next day for review and that any comments or issues with respect the commitments will be raised by Parties during the end of day wrap up discussion.

Should you have questions or require any additional clarification regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting or the NIRB's review of the "Phase 2 Development" proposal, please contact Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II, at (867) 983-4603 or via email at [samuno@nirb.ca](mailto:samuno@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Appendix A – *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda for Baffinland's Phase 2 Development Project Proposal

**APPENDIX A – FINAL TECHNICAL MEETING AGENDA FOR  
BAFFINLAND’S PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PROPOSAL**

**NIRB File No.:** 08MN053 – Phase 2 Development Proposal  
**Proponent:** Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation  
**Facilitator:** Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director  
**Location:** Royal Canadian Legion Air Cadet Hall, Iqaluit, NU  
**Dates & Times:** April 8, 2019 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (*potential 6:30 pm–9:00 pm*)  
April 9, 2019 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (*potential 6:30 pm–9:00 pm*)  
April 10, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Note:** All times given are approximate. The order of discussion topics and times given are subject to change at the NIRB’s discretion. Additional evening sessions may be scheduled for April 8 and/or April 9 if deemed necessary to complete agenda items.

**Day 1 – Monday April 8, 2019**

**General Opening:**

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (*30 minutes*)
  - a. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of technical meeting, etc.
  - b. Introduction of Participants
  - c. Overview of Agenda
  - d. Housekeeping Items

**Technical Meeting:**

2. Baffinland Presentation: Response to Technical Review Comments (*60 minutes*)
3. Roundtable Discussions: Proceeding topic-by-topic with questions to the Proponent from meeting participants regarding specific responses to technical review comments:
  - a. Conclusions presented in the FEIS pertaining to alternatives assessment and methodologies; discussion of accidents and malfunctions (*60 minutes*)
  - b. Atmospheric environment including climate change assessment (TSD 6) and atmospheric assessment (TSD 7) (*90 minutes*)
  - c. Marine environment including ice study, marine environment assessment, ballast water modelling, fuel spill modeling, hydrodynamic modelling, invasive species risk assessment, ship wake and prop wash modelling, conceptual marine offset, and marine mammal assessment (TSD 16-24) (*120 minutes*)

*Note: Baffinland will have additional presentation materials available for reference during discussions, should it become necessary*

Close of Day 1

## **Day 2 – Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

### **Technical Meeting** (continued from Day 1)

1. NIRB Opening Remarks (*15 minutes*)
  - a. Day 1 Recap
  - b. Overview of Agenda
2. Roundtable discussion: Proceeding topic-by-topic with questions to the Proponent from meeting participants regarding specific responses to technical review comments:
  - a. Freshwater environment including surface water assessment, freshwater biota assessment, and conceptual offset plan (TSD 13-15) (*60 minutes*)
  - b. Terrestrial environment including landforms, vegetation, wildlife, exposure potential, and birds (TSD 8-12) (*120 minutes*)
  - c. Socio-economic environment including socio-economic assessment, and labour study (TSD 25-26) (*60 minutes*)
  - d. Cumulative effects assessment (TSD 27) (*45 minutes*)

*Note: Baffinland will have additional presentation materials available for reference during discussions, should it become necessary*

Close of Day 2

## **Day 3 – Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

### **Technical Meeting** (continued from Day 2)

1. NIRB Opening Remarks (*15 minutes*)
  - a. Day 2 Recap
  - b. Overview of Agenda
2. Discussion on any outstanding issues
3. Discussion and review of Proponent's list of commitments (*if time permits*)
4. NIRB discussion of next steps and Public Hearing
  - a. Question and answer period for parties
5. Closing Remarks and Close of Day 3