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To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Final Agenda for the NIRB's Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop in Pond Inlet for the Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053), May 1-2, 2019.

Dear Parties:

On March 1, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a *Draft Workshop Agenda* pertaining to the upcoming Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop to be held in Pond Inlet associated with the Production Increase of the Mary River project (NIRB File No.: 08MN053). The NIRB has considered the revisions to the draft workshop agenda proposed by Parks Canada in its March 6, 2019 correspondence to the Board and has adopted the suggested wording to better reflect emerging issues for project-related shipping. The *Final Workshop Agenda* has been attached as [Appendix A](#) for the information of all parties.

The NIRB also notes that parties had requested for a teleconference option to be made available during the workshop, to allow for federal agencies and other interested parties to listen to the proceedings or follow the workshop by phone. Due to the logistical challenges in Pond Inlet, the NIRB will not be able to provide a teleconference option for the Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop.

Should you have any questions or require any further clarification regarding the upcoming Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop in Pond Inlet, please contact the undersigned at samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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APPENDIX A –FINAL AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 08MN053 – Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Facilitator: Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director
Location: Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU
Dates & Times: May 1, 2019: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
May 2, 2019: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Note: All times given are approximate. The order of discussion topics and times given are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion. A 10-15 minute health break will be provided during each morning, afternoon and evening session.

DAY 1 –WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2019

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (*15 minutes*)
 - Objectives of the Workshop
 - Discussion of the NIRB's role
 - Introduction of Participants
 - Housekeeping Items
 - Overview of Agenda
2. Baffinland Overview Presentation: (*45 minutes*)
 - Current status of ore production and transportation/shipment
 - Overview of 2018 shipping activities and mitigation applied
 - Compliance status with NIRB Project Certificate - marine related terms and conditions
3. Status of Baffinland's Marine Monitoring Programs (*30 minutes*)
 - Tremblay Sound Narwhal Tagging Program
 - Bruce Head Monitoring Program
 - Overview of each program, data collected to date, implications for applied mitigation and planned 2019 activities
4. Planned 2019 Shipping Activities, Mitigation and Monitoring (*30 minutes*)
5. Open discussion:
 - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) and marine mammals around the shipping route
 - Community perspectives on project-related shipping and impacts
 - Effectiveness of current monitoring and mitigation measures
 - Results of ongoing community-based monitoring programs relevant to the marine environment
6. Afternoon session wrap-up with comments and feedback from participants

7. Evening session (6:30 – 9:00 pm):
 - Presentation by Baffinland on 2018 shipping activities, mitigation applied, monitoring conducted and results, and plans for 2019 (*45 minutes*)
 - Question and answer session with public

DAY 2 –THURSDAY MAY 2, 2019

1. NIRB Opening Remarks (*10 minutes*)
 - Day 1 Recap and Day 2 brief
2. Status of Baffinland's Marine Monitoring Programs (continued): (*30 minutes*)
 - Ship-based Observer Program
 - Marine Ecological Effects Monitoring Program
 - Overview of each program, data collected to date, implications for applied mitigation and planned 2019 activities
 - Updates on coordination with monitoring by DFO and other agencies
3. Open discussion:
 - Progress and results of community-based marine monitoring program associated with the Mary River Project
4. Emerging issues for project-related shipping (*45 minutes*)
 - Ice management/ice breaking activities and coordination with MHTO
 - Vessel management protocols (anchorage and drifting zones)
 - Vessel speed/size
 - Automatic Identification System (AIS) in the community
 - Marine Environment Working Group (MEWG)
5. Open discussion:
 - Lessons learned from 2018 shipping season
 - Recommendations for 2019 shipping season
6. Workshop wrap-up and next steps