



NIRB File No. 08MN053
NWB File No. 2AM-MRY1325
QIA File No.: LUA-2008-008
DFO File No.: 2008 MR

June 6, 2019

To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Final Agenda for the Second Round of NIRB Technical Meetings for Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s "Phase 2 Development" Project Proposal

Dear Parties:

On April 29, 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, 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 confirmation of their planned attendance, including comments or suggestions on the agenda and any specific logistical arrangements required during the Technical Meeting.

On or before May 24, 2019, the NIRB received comments on the draft agenda from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) as well as a listing of representatives from several organizations that are planning on attending the Technical Meeting in Iqaluit; however, the NIRB has not received a list from all parties expected to attend. 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 via email at info@nirb.ca as soon as possible.

The NIRB has considered the changes and revisions to the draft meeting agenda proposed by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) in its May 24, 2019 correspondence to the Board and has updated the agenda to accommodate for the suggested changes to the extent practicable.¹ The final agenda includes time for the QIA to present the results of its Inuit Qaujimaningit study, the final report of which is expected to be filed with the NIRB in advance of the technical meeting. To accommodate the requested updates, the NIRB has determined it will be necessary to hold evening sessions 6:30 – 9:00 pm on both June 17 and 18. The *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda has been

¹ Public Registry ID: 325131

attached as [Appendix A](#) for the information of all parties. A Schedule Overview including estimated timing of agenda items has also been included as [Appendix B](#). Please note that while approximate timing of health breaks has been noted within the schedule overview, they have not been accounted for within presentation times noted in the agenda.

The NIRB also notes that a limited teleconference option will be made available for those unable to attend in person; participants will be able to listen only and not actively participate in discussion. 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.

CONCLUSION

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 and may expect to be highlighted as parties prepare their final written submissions.

The NIRB requests that, to the extent possible, parties prepare to raise their questions and concerns with reference to the technical comment ID numbers assigned in the disposition table provided by Baffinland on April 17, 2019. Using these ID numbers, the NIRB and Baffinland will track commitments made 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.

The NIRB thanks all parties for their continued active participation in the NIRB's assessment of the "Phase 2 Development" proposal. Should you have questions or require any additional clarification regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting, please contact Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II, at (867) 983-4603 or via email at samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Grant Goddard, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Lou Kamermans, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

Attachments: Appendix A — *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda (Second Meeting) for Baffinland's Phase 2
Development Project Proposal
Appendix B — Technical Meeting Schedule Overview (Second Meeting) for Baffinland's Phase 2
Development Project Proposal

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

NIRB File No.: 08MN053 – Phase 2 Development Project Proposal
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Facilitator: Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director
Location: Cadet Hall, Iqaluit, NU
Dates & Times: June 17, 2019 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
June 18, 2019 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
June 19, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Note: All times given are approximate and subject to change based prompt return from health and meal breaks. The order of discussion topics and times given are subject to change at the NIRB’s discretion. Additional evening sessions will be necessary for June 17-18 in order to complete agenda items.

Day 1 – Monday June 17, 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:
 - a. Progress update on commitment list and summary of materials submitted since the April 2019 Technical Meeting (*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. Cumulative effects assessment (*180 minutes*)
 - b. QIA Inuit Qaujimaningit study (*30 minutes*)
 - c. Incorporation of Inuit Qaujimaningit (*120 minutes*)
 - d. Marine shipping, icebreaking assessment ballast water and fuel spill modeling, marine environment and wildlife monitoring and mitigation; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans (*150 minutes*)

Note: Baffinland is expected to have additional presentation materials available for reference during discussions, should it become necessary

Close of Day 1

Day 2 – Tuesday June 18, 2019

Technical Meeting (continued from Day 1)

1. Roundtable discussion; questions by Parties and NIRB staff on the following items with potential presentations delivered by Baffinland as needed:
 - a. Physical environment including air quality, climate change assessment, atmospheric assessment, relevant management and/or mitigation plans (90 minutes)
 - b. Freshwater environment including surface water assessment and freshwater biota assessment; including relevant management and/or mitigation plans (90 minutes)
 - c. Terrestrial environment including soils, landforms, vegetation, wildlife and bird habitat and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs (240 minutes)
 - d. Socio-economic environment and related management and mitigation plans and/or programs (90 minutes)
 - e. Potential project effects on Inuit Culture, Land use & Resource (60 minutes)

Note: Baffinland is expected to have additional presentation materials available for reference during discussions, should it become necessary

Close of Day 2

Day 3 – Wednesday June 19, 2019

Technical Meeting (continued from Day 2)

1. Discussions around Adaptive Management (90 minutes)
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

Appendix B – Schedule Overview

TIME	Monday, June 17	Tuesday, June 18	Wednesday, June 19	
09:00	NIRB: Opening Remarks	Physical Environment	Adaptive Management	
09:30	Baffinland: Progress update on Commitment List			
10:00				
10:15	HEALTH BREAK (15 MIN)	HEALTH BREAK (15 MIN)	HEALTH BREAK (15 MIN)	
10:30	Cumulative Effects Assessment	Freshwater Environment	Flex Time: Remaining Items	
11:00				
11:30			NIRB: Closing Remarks	
12:00	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	END OF MEETINGS	
12:30				
13:00	Cumulative Effects Assessment	Terrestrial Environment		
13:30				
14:00				
14:30	QIA: Inuit Qaujimaningit Study	HEALTH BREAK (15 MIN)		
14:45	HEALTH BREAK (15 MIN)			
15:00	Incorporation of Inuit Qaujimaningit			
15:30	Terrestrial Environment			
16:00				
16:30				
17:00	SUPPER BREAK	SUPPER BREAK		
17:30				
18:00				
18:30	Marine Shipping	Socio-Economic Environment		
19:00				
19:30				
19:45	HEALTH BREAK (15 MIN)	HEALTH BREAK (15 MIN)		
20:00	Marine Shipping	Inuit Culture, Land Use & Resources		
20:30				
21:00				