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Re: Letter of Invitation to Community Representatives from Mittimatalik Hunters & Trappers Organization and Igloolik Working Group to Participate in the Nunavut Water Board's Technical Meeting for the Mary River Project Type "A" Water Licence Application

Technical Meeting dates: November 12 and 13, Iqaluit, NU

Travel dates: TBC

Dear Community Representatives:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) would like to invite you to participate in the Technical Meeting it will be holding for the Mary River Project Type "A" Water Licence Application (Application), submitted by the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Proponent). The Technical Meeting is scheduled to occur in Iqaluit on November 12 and 13, 2019 (Technical Meeting). The proposed Mary River project involves increasing iron ore production to 30 Mtpa and construction of the Northern railway from the mine site to Milne Port.

Your organizations have been identified and recommended to the NWB by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association as potential interested parties.

The Board is pleased to extend an invitation to participate in the Technical Meeting to five (5) representatives designated by the Mittimatalik Hunters & Trappers Organization and five (5) representatives designated by the Igloolik Working Group.

In order to hear submissions from the members of communities that are potentially affected by the proposed Mary River project, the NWB is inviting your representatives to participate, in person, in the Technical Meeting proceedings. By extending this invitation, the NWB hopes to receive your input into the process conducted by the NWB during its consideration (and eventual decision) regarding the Application.

In this role, you will be expected to attend all Technical Meeting sessions in Iqaluit, on Tuesday, November 12 and Wednesday, November 13, 2019, and you will be given an opportunity to not only provide your information to the Board Members via the NWB staff, but also to ask questions directed to the Proponent and the other parties at the Technical Meeting as well.

The participants are reminded to provide evidence in relation to the NWB-mandated issues <u>only</u> (freshwater use and waste deposit).

Transportation and Accommodations

The NWB will arrange air travel to Iqaluit, as well as returning to each community. Before any community representative can travel, they <u>must</u> sign a Travel Agreement. The Travel Agreement has been attached to this Invitation Letter. Please fax the signed and completed form to the NWB office at 867-360-6369, attention Ben Kogvik, no later than Friday, September 20, 2019. Please note that travel arrangements will be made only after a signed and completed Travel Agreement has been received by the NWB by the above date.

Per Diem Allowance

The NWB will offer a per diem allowance to each representative for each full day they attend (in accordance with Treasury Board of Canada policies). This will help cover the cost of meals and other incidental items, at rates in line with those paid by government organizations.

Please be advised that the NWB is <u>unable</u> to offer honoraria to community representatives at the Technical Meeting.

Orientation to the Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will begin on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, and the NWB will be holding a brief information meeting for the community representatives **prior to the beginning of the Technical Meeting.** This meeting is meant to help prepare participants for what to expect and how they can participate during the Technical Meeting. When all representatives have been confirmed, more information regarding this meeting will be provided to each.

Accommodations Details

The NWB will be coordinating billeting arrangements for the representatives. Once the NWB has received the signed Travel Agreement and confirmed attendance of the individual representative, a detailed accommodation and travel itinerary will be sent to the representative.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Kogvik:

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Invitation to NWB Technical Meeting – Mary River Project

Thank you again for agreeing to contribute to this important part of the water licensing process, we look forward to seeing you at the Technical Meeting in Iqaluit.

Sincerely,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

Stephanie Autut Executive Director

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