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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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NWB File No: 2AM-MRY1325

October 18, 2019

Lou Kamermans
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Email: lou.kamermans@baffinland.com

Subject: Application for Amendment to Type “A” Water Licences No. 2AM-MRY1325, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation; Confirmation of Technical Meeting

Dear Lou Kamermans,

Further to the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) correspondence¹ of August 29, 2019, with respect to the technical review of the application for amendment to Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325 (Application) submitted by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or Applicant) for the Mary River Project (Project), the Board received comments² from the following interested parties:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA);
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO);
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC); and
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA).

Copies of the comments received from intervening parties, submissions from the Applicant and all documents associated with the Application have been placed in the Board’s Public Registry and made available through the NWB’s FTP site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MRY1325%20BIMC/>

The Applicant is advised to review the above submissions as well as intervening parties’ comments on the technical review of the Application in preparation for the upcoming Technical Meeting (TM).

¹ Stephanie Autut (NWB) to Lou Kamermans (Baffinland), Next Steps in Processing of the Application for Amendment to Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325; Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation, dated August 29, 2019.

² Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), July 15, 2019; Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), July 15, 2019; Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), July 15, 2019; and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), July 15, 2019.

In its previous correspondence dated August 29, 2019, the Board directed the NWB staff to hold a Technical Meeting (TM) in Iqaluit the week of November 11, 2019. Therefore, the NWB advises the parties that Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12 and 13, 2019 are now set as dates for the Technical Meeting, respectively, at the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's conference room in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

In preparation for the TM, the Board has attached a copy of a draft Agenda and requests that interested parties provide relevant comments to the NWB's Licensing Department at licensing@nwb-oen.ca by **3:00 p.m. MT, Tuesday October 29, 2019**. In addition to comments on the draft Agenda, interested parties are asked to also provide the following information along with their submissions:

- Confirm the attendance of their organization, group or individual;
- Provide the names of the individuals who will be participating on their behalf in the Technical Meeting; and
- Identify whether they wish to make a formal presentation of their submissions during the Technical Meeting.

Following receipt of this information the NWB will distribute a final version of the Agenda in advance of the TM, as well as the names of the participating organizations and/or persons who have confirmed their attendance.

The Applicant and intervening parties intending to make presentations during the TM must provide to the NWB, for public distribution and posting on the Board's registry, copies of their presentation materials (including the Applicant's and interveners' presentations). These materials should be provided in English and Inuktitut along with executive summaries also in French, preferably in PDF/PowerPoint format, no later than **3:00 p.m. MT, October 29, 2019**. It should be noted that intervening parties are expected to indicate during their presentations whether the issues that they have identified were or will be addressed by Baffinland to their satisfaction prior to the Public Hearing (PH).

As part of this Agenda, the NWB is proposing to hold a community session on the evening of November 12, 2019 to allow representatives from Pond Inlet and Igloolik and members from Iqaluit to express views they may have regarding the Project, the Application, and/or ask any questions to the Applicant and the intervening parties. The Applicant and intervening parties should be prepared to provide summarized versions of their Technical Meeting presentations for the community session. To ensure that community members have access to the presentations in Inuktitut, English and French, paper copies of all three versions of presentations should be made available for distribution during the community session.

In addition, the NWB requests that all parties have on hand the copies of the application and correspondence/submissions (either hard copy or electronic) for reference as required, as the NWB will likely only have a few hard copies available for viewing and for the public.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the above, please contact Assol Kubeisinova, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 or by email at assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca, or Karén

Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services, at (867) 360-6338 or by email at karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca for any technical inquiries, or Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing at (867) 360-6338, or by email licensing@nwb-oen.ca for any procedural or administrative inquiries.

Sincerely,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

Stephanie Autut
Executive Director

cc. Distribution List – Mary River



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PROPOSED AGENDA

TECHNICAL MEETING – MARY RIVER PROJECT

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO WATER LICENCE NO. 2AM-MRY1325

TECHNICAL MEETING

Date: November 12 and 13, 2019

Time: 9:00AM – 5:00PM (ET) on November 12, 2019 and
9:00AM – 3:00PM (ET) on November 13, 2019

Location: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

1. Introduction and registration.
2. Application to the Board, NWB Opening Remarks (15 minutes).
3. Purpose of the Technical Meeting.
4. Technical Review of the Applications:
 - a) Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's presentation on the Project (30-45 minutes);
 - b) Identification of Interested Parties;
 - c) Presentations from Interested parties (30 minutes per party);
 - d) Discussion of Commitments to Address Technical Issues; and
 - e) Formulation of Outstanding Issues.

Health Breaks – 20-30 minutes

COMMUNITY SESSION

Date: November 12, 2019

Time: 7:00 - 9:30 PM (ET)

Location: Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

1. Overview of NWB process by NWB (15 minutes).
2. Presentation of Application by Applicant (30 minutes).
3. Presentation/statements by Intervening Parties (15 minutes per party).
4. Questions and comments from community.