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Proposed Mary River Project
Public Hearing Presentation
April 2013

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD	
Date:	April 24/13
Exhibit No.:	4

Thanks

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association Thanks:

- People of Pond Inlet;
- QIA members who have travelled from other communities to be here with us today;
- Nunavut Water Board;
- Other Interested Parties; and
- Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation



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Mandate

- To protect and promote the rights and values of Inuit in the Qikiqtaaluk
- Represent Inuit interests before Institutions of Public Government
- Negotiate Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement
- Management of Inuit Owned Lands

Objectives

- Encourage Community Involvement
- Focus on Priorities to Inuit
- Conduct Detailed Technical Review
- Participate in the evolution of project

Inuit want the “best possible project”

QIA Participation



- QIA Board and Executive Committee Direction
- Formation of a Department of Major Projects.
- Participation in all review process stages;
- Extensive proponent collaboration on draft water licence;

QIA Participation

- Agencies, regulators, and IPGs interactions;
- Extensive and on-going community interactions
- Involvement of leading experts in variety of fields
- Establishment of MRPCs



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Mary River Project Committees



- QIA Executive Establishment of the MRPC
- MRPC creation in Arctic Bay, Cape Dorset, Clyde River, Hall Beach, Igloodlik, Kimmirut, and Pond Inlet
- A MRPC Coordinator supports the MRPC.
- Each MRPC are comprised of up to six individuals and include representatives appointed by:
 - local Hunters and Trappers Organization,
 - local Hamlet Council,
 - local Community Lands and Resource Committee,
 - woman's representative appointed by QIA Board,
 - youth representative appointed by QIA Board,
 - and one hunter appointed by QIA Board

Noted Community Concerns



- 1. Blasting Activities Around Fresh Water**
- 2. Harmful Alteration, Disruption or Destruction of Fish Habitat**
- 3. Impacts to Freshwater Wildlife**
- 4. Fuel Storage and Handling**

QIA Final Submission



1. Main Document
2. Comments on Proponent's Draft Licence
3. Specific Water Discharge Criteria Limits
4. Letter to Minister of AANDC re: Security
5. Aforementioned MRPC Meeting Minutes

QIA Final Submission - Agreement



1. Sewage will only be discharge at the 3 treatment facilities
2. All design specifications will be submitted to NWB for approval
3. No hydrostatic testing of fuel storage tanks
4. Treated soil will meet CCME Agricultural Criteria prior to use for reclamation.

QIA Final Submission – Sewage Storage



Issue

- Sewage storage in sewage ponds, with 1 year capacity, were not discussed in the FEIS.
- Sewage holding tanks were discussed.
- Potential adverse environmental effects related to large amounts of sewage have not been assessed

QIA Final Submission – Sewage Storage



Request

1. The maximum sewage storage capacity at each railway construction camp be limited to a $\frac{1}{4}$ of the yearly volume indicated in the Application.

QIA Final Submission – Milne Inlet



Issue

- Inconsistent presentation of information
- The Application presented the number of employees during the Operations Phase at Milne Inlet as 40 person/day.
- January 2013 Technical Meeting the number was augmented to 150 persons/day

QIA Final Submission – Milne Inlet



Request

1. The scope of the activities are written into the Licence and references to the Application or Management Plans are limited.
2. All Management Plans require Board Approval.
3. The Board considers minimum requirements for each Management Plan to achieve approval status.

QIA Final Submission – AEMP



Request

1. It is requested that BIMC to continue to consult QIA throughout the development and implementation of the AEMP.
2. It is requested that BIMC be required to develop as part of the AEMP, specific actions that will occur upon the level of exceedence of indicator criteria.
3. BIMC be required to adhere to established and industry applied guidelines (e.g., AANDC and the WLWB)

QIA Final Submission - Monitoring



BIMC statement page 4 of April 5, 2013
Submission:

Baffinland reminds reviewers that the concepts of continual improvement and adaptive management (which is the basis for Baffinland's environmental management framework) require that the Company review and adapt its management activities on the basis of trends or results obtained from on-going monitoring.

QIA Final Submission - Monitoring



BIMC statement page 4 of April 5, 2013 Submission:

not the quantity of information collected that matters, but, the relevance of the information collected and how this information can be readily interpreted to achieve the desired goals, objectives and commitments.

QIA Final Submission - Monitoring



Concern

- BIMC is unwilling to commit to monitoring appropriate Water Quality parameters

QIA Final Submission - Monitoring



Request

1. The Licence include monitoring requirements for Ammonia, Nitrates and Nitrites.
2. The Licence implement Discharge Limits on each of the above parameters.
3. The NWWB consider QIA's Annex C when setting Water Quality Discharge Limits.

QIA Final Submission - Monitoring



BIMC statement page 30 of April 5, 2013
Submission in response to QIA comments on Water
Quality Criteria

*All discharge criteria for water quality presented in Part
F of the draft water licence, and, in the AEMP, have
been discussed with Environment Canada who
possesses the expertise in that area.*

QIA Final Submission - Term



Concern

- Repeated inconsistencies with scope create apprehension with allowing 25 year term.
- No Northern Mining Developments have been provided a 25 year term.

QIA Final Submission - Term

Request

- Licence has a term of 5 years.

Conclusion

- QIA's review is focused on its mandate
- QIA has ongoing concerns, which it has presented to the NWB
- Water Compensation Agreement Update
- QIA Supports the development of the Mary River Project, in a responsible and sustainable way.