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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

April 28, 2015

To: Mary River Distribution List

Re: **Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325, Type “A” Water Licence – Next Steps and Draft Agendas for the Mary River Project, Amendment No.1 Application**

As a follow-up to the February 25, 2015 Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report¹ (PHC Report), issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) for an Amendment (No.1) application filed by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (BIMC or the Applicant) for the licence issued to the Mary River Project, Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325, the NWB takes this opportunity to further confirm that the Public Hearing (Hearing) for the application will be held, as scheduled, in the community of **Pond Inlet**, Nunavut, on **May 6 – 7, 2015**.

Consistent with relevant timelines included in the PHC Decision, the NWB has received additional submissions² pertaining to the amendment application from the Applicant as well as final written submissions³ from the following intervening parties: Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Environment Canada (EC), the Qikiqani Inuit Association (QIA), and the Hamlet of Pond Inlet

Based on remaining timelines included in the PHC decision, the NWB anticipates receipt of the Applicant’s response(s) to interveners’ final written submissions on or before **April 29, 2015** and copies of the presentations for the public hearing and community session (in English with Inuktitut summary) from parties intending to make representation to the Board during the Hearing on or before **May 1, 2015**. Once the NWB receives the pending or anticipated documents, it will distribute them for public review and information.

All submissions received currently for the amendment application have been placed in and made available on the NWB’s Public Registry which can be accessed using the following link <ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca>

¹ Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Regarding Application for Amendment No.1 to Type “A” Water Licence filed by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation for the Mary River Project, February 25, 2015.

² Submission from E.Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (BIMC) to Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Re: Baffinland Responses to Technical Hearing Commitments on the Amendment to the Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MRY1325, February 12, 2015.

³ Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), April 22, 2015; Environment Canada (EC), April 17, 2015, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), April 17, 2015, and the Hamlet of Pond Inlet, April 23, 2015.

As part of the preparations for the Public Hearing, the NWB has included, as attachments to this correspondence, copies of the draft agendas. Prospective participants are invited to provide any comments with respect to the agendas to the NWB's Manager of Licensing at licensing@nwb-oen.ca by **3:00 p.m., MST, Friday, May 1, 2015**. In addition, intervening parties are asked to include in their responses concerning the agendas, confirmation of their participation as well as provide the names of their representatives to ensure that adequate preparations are made for attendees. The NWB will distribute publicly copies of the final versions of the agendas and the presentations in advance of the Public Hearing.

The NWB recommends that prospective participants review their submissions and the relevant documents associated with the application with the aim of identifying, during the Hearing, the issues or items in their submissions that have been resolved, or remain outstanding and/or ongoing. The Applicant and each intervening party will be allotted approximately 90 minutes and 60 minutes, respectively, for their presentations. To provide community members with access to the information presented, intervening parties should make available for distribution during the Public Hearing, paper copies of their presentations in English and Inuktitut (25 copies in English and 25 copies in Inuktitut for the main and community session presentations). The NWB has arranged for simultaneous English-to-Inuktitut and Inuktitut-to-English interpretation to ensure that all interested persons are able to fully participate in the hearing.

If you have any inquiries related to procedural matters, please contact Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing, or Robin Ikkutisluuk, Licensing Administrator, at (867) 360-6338 or by email to licensing@nwb-oen.ca. For inquiries related to technical matters, please contact Sean Joseph, Technical Advisor, by email to sean.joseph@nwb-oen.ca, or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services, by email to david.hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca.

Regards,



David Hohnstein
Director of Technical Services & A/Executive Director
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Attachments: Draft Agenda

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DRAFT AGENDA

Public Hearing

Type “A” Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325, Amendment No.1 Application

May 6 – 7, 2015 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m., ET)
Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, Nunavut

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1. Opening Prayer
 2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson, which shall include the purpose of the Hearing and the scope of matters which will be considered by the Board
 3. Introduction of Board’s Panel Members and staff
 4. Identification and introduction of the Parties
 5. Introduction of Elders and their role in the Hearing
 6. Introduction and Identification of persons, associations, agencies, etc., who have not submitted interventions but who have expressed a desire to speak at the Hearing;
 7. Identification of any Motions or any objections
 8. Presentation by the Applicant
 9. Questioning of the Applicant by Parties respecting the Applicant’s presentation
 10. Questioning by the Board’s staff and Panel Members
 11. Presentation by Interveners
 12. Questioning of Interveners by Parties
 13. Questioning by the Board’s staff and Panel Members
 14. Presentation by any other persons, associations, agencies, etc. who have advised the Chairperson that they wish to speak

15. Questioning of other persons, associations, agencies, etc. by Parties
16. Questioning by the Board's staff and Panel Members
17. Upon completion of presentations by all Parties, the Board will give the Applicant the opportunity to reply. Then all Parties will have the opportunity to make final closing statements taking into account matters raised at the Hearing;
18. Closing remarks by the Chairperson; and
19. Closing Prayer



Community Session

May 6, 2015 (7:00 p.m. – 10 p.m., ET)
Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, Nunavut

1. Opening Prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chair
3. Presentation by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on the Type “A” water licensing process (**15 Minutes**)
4. Questions and/or comments from community members and other participants
5. Presentation by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation with respect to the amendment (No.1) application filed for Type “A” Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325 (**20 Minutes**)
6. Question and/or comments from community members and other participants
7. Presentation from each intervening party pertaining to its mandate and role(s) in the water licensing process as well as an overview of their findings during their technical review of the application (**15 Minutes/Intervener**)
8. Questions and/or comments from community members and other participants
9. Closing Remarks
10. Closing Prayer