



Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's
Type 'A' Amendment No.1 Application
for Licence 2AM-MRY1325
Public Hearing Presentation
May 2015

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
- Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

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Mandate



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- 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
- Manage Inuit Owned Lands

Objectives



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

QIA Participation



- QIA Board and Executive Committee Direction
- Operations of a Department of Major Projects.
- Input in all review process stages
- Collaboration with the Proponent on various water licence components
 - Reclamation financial security
 - Interim closure and reclamation plan

Recommendations – Water Compensation Agreement



Issue

- Any water licence amendment requires a Water Compensation Agreement between the Proponent and impacted water users.

Request

- The NWB accept that a Water Compensation Agreement exists between the QIA and BIMC.

Recommendations – Financial Security



Issue

- BIMC requested the Annual Security Review include a provision to not be completed in a given year.

Request

- Maintain the Annual Security Review as the basis for the determination of financial security
- Provide flexibility in the licence to not require the Annual Security Review on a yearly basis. This decision is to be informed by the NWB, BIMC and Interested Stakeholders.

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- Version 2 (June 27, 2014) of the ICRP was submitted for review and approval. To date, the approval has not been issued by the NWB.
- Version 3 of the ICRP was submitted March 31, 2015.
- QIA will approve the ICRP for application on Inuit Owned Lands as per the Commercial Production Lease.

- Version 3 of the ICPR, submitted on March 31, 2015 be subject to a review and approval process within 60 days of issuance of the water licence.

Recommendations – Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP)



Issue

- An AEMP was submitted for review and approval on July 27, 2014. To date, the approval has not been issued by the NWB.
- BIMC proposed to update and review the AEMP for submission for review within 60 days of licence issuance. (Commitment #4 – Technical Meeting)

Request

- The NWB require the AEMP to be updated to account stakeholder reviewer comments provided to the NWB in November, 2014, as well as, reviewer comments provided throughout the water licence amendment process. The updated AEMP be submitted for stakeholder review and NWB approval within 60 days of licence issuance. The updated AEMP shall be accompanied with a summary of how the November, 2014 stakeholder review comments were addressed.
- The AEMP address how the waste discharged from the Milne Port Ore Stockpile Facility, which will enter Milne Inlet, will be monitored to assess potential effects.

Recommendations – Waste Discharge from Milne Port Ore Stockpile



Issue

- Effluent from the Milne Port Ore Stockpile is proposed to be discharged upstream of Milne Port. This water will flow into the ocean.

Request

- A SNP be established for the Milne Port Ore Stockpile effluent discharge.
- Effluent discharge criteria are defined in the water licence for the Milne Port Ore Stockpile waters. The effluent discharge criteria be set to ensure, at a minimum, compliance with the *Fisheries Act*, thus the water is non-deleterious. Additionally, the effluent water is subjected to chemical analysis to support the deleterious determination. Further discharge criteria be set to ensure that the water is protective of aquatic life.

Recommendations – Monitoring of Tote Road Stream Crossings



Issue

- The Tote Road water crossings have been upgraded in recent years; however, there is no water licence conditions to address water monitoring about culverts and bridges.

Request

- An assessment of the construction and post-construction water quality monitoring is completed as an indicator if each watercourse crossing is performing to a degree where the potential impacts to water are acceptable. Should insufficient information exists to complete an assessment for a watercourse crossing, collect the necessary data to enable a determination of potential impacts.

Recommendations – Monitoring of Tote Road Stream Crossings



Request

- Any upgrades, adjustment and/or modifications to the Tote Road from what is defined in the 2013 Issued for Construction drawings is considered outside the scope of the current water licence and the amendment being considered herein.
 - In other words, any future upgrades, adjustment and/or modifications, including but not limited to, additional watercourse crossings, culvert extensions, additional bridge crossings, changes to road width, or changes to road height, to the Tote Road shall require subsequent amendments to the licence.
- The monitoring of surface water and the evaluation of potential impacts to water about the Tote Road infrastructure is addressed within the AEMP, or other appropriate management plan



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Conclusion

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