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APPENDIX E1

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 PUBLIC MEETING IN POND INLET

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**BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION
BULK SAMPLING PROGRAM**

**POND INLET PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date and Time: September 6, 2006 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

File: NB102-181/6-A.02

Place: Qaggivak Building, Pond Inlet

Cont. No. : NB06-01157

Subject:

Note Taker: Richard Cook

Participants:	<u>Client</u> Mr. Rodney (Rod) Cooper Michael Zurowski	<u>Knight Piésold Ltd. (KPL)</u> Richard Cook Kevin Hawton Shelly Elverum	<u>Other</u> Joe Krimmedjuar (interpreter) Sign-in sheet attached
Regrets:			
Distribution:	Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation		

Item	Description	Action By	Date Req'd
1	Meeting opened at 7:15 with an opening prayer		
2	<p>Introduction by Rod Cooper (based on Power Point presentation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities and activities currently at Mary River • Discussion of 15 month bulk sampling program • Management and environmental plans <p>Rod Cooper (RC) – reviewed and expanded on Power Point Presentation, covering current activities and infrastructure at Mary River, as well as plans for the bulk sample program. The bulk sample program will include camp expansion, road upgrade and increased staffing. The scheduling will include:</p> <p>2006 – consultation with the community and government - submit permit applications</p> <p>2007 - obtain approval - upgrade road - construction, equipment mobilization - start mining in Sep – Nov</p> <p>2008 - finish mining (January) - haul to Milne Inlet (Jan – July) - shipping through Milne Inlet (Aug – Oct) - remove equipment and materials</p> <p>Mr. Cooper explained the environmental schedule and management plans for the project, as well as manpower requirements and trainee positions for local people. Mr. Cooper emphasized that the bulk sampling program = training opportunities.</p>		
3	CM1 [Hamlet] thanked Baffinland for providing information on their project to the community. Rod Cooper responded that he hopes there will be many such meetings.		

4	<p>CM2 [community nurse] – indicated concerns about increased air traffic as she lives near the airport. She asked about the impact of air and ship traffic on the animals.</p> <p>Rod Cooper responded that the proposed bulk sampling program is as small as possible to limit the traffic and only 6 ships are proposed.</p> <p>CM2 asked if this was during the life of a future mine and Rod Cooper indicated that he was referring to the bulk sampling program only. Richard Cook added that studies are being conducted on the wildlife, and that it is recognized that the current exploration activities have a localized effect on the people as well as animals. As well, permits are required to conduct the existing activities as well as any proposed activities such as the bulk sampling program.</p>		
5	<p>CM2 indicated that mining can bring social issues like more money, alcohol and drugs and asked if there are plans to address the social issues?</p> <p>Michael Zurowski indicated Baffinland is starting negotiations with the QIA to start the IIBA, which will include these issues. He stated that any kind of development will bring both positive and negative impacts and these need to be addressed.</p> <p>CM2 replied that she works in the health centre and has seen an increase in psychotic behaviour stemming from drugs over the last 3 years, corresponding with when Baffinland started its work in the region. Rod Cooper responded that socio-economic studies will look at some of these issues, and CM2 responded that she was glad to hear this was being looked at.</p>		
6	<p>CM3 [Department of Environment] asked about the transportation operations related to the bulk sample, including truck sizes and the amount of traffic. Rod Cooper responded that 40 tonne trucks will carry 6000 loads over 6 months, which is 40 loads a day, 24 hrs a day, continual over a 6 month period.</p>		
7	<p>CM4 asked what the turn-around time was when Baffinland would hear back from their potential customers who will receive the bulk sample ore. Rod Cooper indicated that by November 2008 the steel mills will have the one-month supply of ore so by early 2009 they hope to have marketing contracts.</p> <p>CM4 asked if Baffinland may not have to tear the camp down, and Rod Cooper indicated that the camp is designed to be temporary and they would need to get new permits to keep the camp operational. He added that in 2 years the circumstances of the project may have changed. Michael Zurowski indicated that the proposed bulk sampling program will be a money losing activity but it is a way to guarantee customers.</p>		

8	<p>CM5 asked how they would know for certain that what they have been hearing about the high grade ore is true, and if this can be confirmed by someone else than Baffinland. The same applies to what they are being told about the lifespan of a mine at Mary River being 100 years.</p> <p>Rod Cooper replied that all the work completed on the project is done by other people independent of Baffinland, and banks, investors, and the government require the work to be completed by credible professionals outside of Baffinland. Rod Cooper added that they are currently working on a 25 year mine life, but this is based on only 1/5 of the deposits.</p>		
9	<p>CM6 [Parks Canada] asked if the bulk sample program could be used to test the impact of the ice breakers on the community. Rod Cooper responded that the companies that they are working with don't have ice-breaking ships and they hadn't thought about it, but perhaps the Coast Guard could run a test.</p>		
10	<p>CM7 [hunter, elder] asked what is done with drill cuttings, and Michael Zurowski responded that the cuttings are buried right on site, as it is heavy sediment and does not move.</p>		
11	<p>CM8 [Pisiksik member, elder] identified herself as a member of the Pisiksik Working Group. She indicated that using IQ is good, but since the elders can't speak English they can't understand, and that instead of Pisiksik's pending trip to the mine site, it would be better to send younger people who understand English. ***</p> <p>Rod Cooper responded that all are welcome to visit the site.</p> <p>*** misinterpretation</p> <p>Someone noted following the meeting, and it was confirmed with CM8 herself on October 11, 2006 that the above statement was not translated correctly, and what she actually said [roughly paraphrasing] is "I am a member of Pisiksik, and I have just joined this group. I am happy that we are going to Mary River, but why are we going? I understand that we need to see it, but are you [Baffinland] try to bribe us with this trip? Why aren't you also taking other groups, like the youth?"</p>		
12	<p>CM8 stated that she is concerned about drugs and alcohol coming to the community and the mine. She noted that the drugs and alcohol are already in the community, but will there be more coming with the mine? Rod Cooper referred to his earlier response to CM2 that Baffinland be meeting with the QIA to search for solutions on this topic, and this will be part of the IIBA that becomes a legal agreement that Baffinland must follow.</p>		
13	<p>CM9 [Pisiksik member, elder] asked if the ore will be crushed and then shipped, both during the bulk sample and once the mine starts operating. Rod Cooper stated that the bulk sample ore will be mined over 3 months, hauled off, and then shipped over 3 months in 2008.</p>		

14	CM10 [hunter, elder] said he heard about ships going to Nanisivik mine, but he wasn't sure how long it was open. He asked if there will be crushing machines at Milne Inlet. Rod Cooper responded that Baffinland plans to crush the ore at Mary River and transport the ore to Milne Inlet. He added that during operation of the mine that a train would be used to transport the ore to the coast, but they haven't decided yet whether the port will be at Milne Inlet or at Steensby Inlet. At the end of next year they would be ready to decide.		
15	CM10 asked what would happen to the lots of drums at Milne [referring to the drums of iron ore sample collected in the 1960s]. Rod Cooper said Baffinland will collect all existing drums and put them in a landfill, and that there were also many more drums along the existing road.		
16	<p>CM11 [HTO] said that the QIA is quite far from Pond Inlet and there should be a local board to work with Baffinland. Rod Cooper responded that they are legally required to consult with the QIA, but that is only a start to the community consultation and Baffinland will also be talking with Igloodik and Arctic Bay. Just because we are working with the QIA, that is not the only thing that they will do.</p> <p>Richard Cook added that Knight Piesold has discussed with Baffinland to start talking with other groups in town, like the youth and the health centre. As well, we understand that the Hamlet is collecting information on community issues and the information they collect will be valuable.</p> <p>Shelly Elverum asked CM11 for clarification and if it is that the QIA won't represent community issues. CM11 indicated that things are changing, and he knows communication is not clear.</p> <p>Michael Zurowski stated that Baffinland is working on improving communication and will be discussing a communications strategy with the Hamlet over the next few months. He added that by necessity the IIBA needs to be negotiated with small group as big groups don't work, but that he understands that communication need to be improved.</p> <p>Rod Cooper indicated that other mining companies have hired community liaison officers in the communities they work in to ensure clear communication with a local point of contact, and that Baffinland will look to this as a model to become more accessible in the community in the future.</p>		
17	CM1 identified CM12 as one of the negotiators for the IIBA, and that the Hamlet haven't talked to the QIA yet, so we don't know who is going to be on the negotiating team. CM1 stated that hopefully things will start moving in the next month, and Rod Cooper agreed that the QIA is working hard to get things organized and things will probably start moving in the next month.		
18	Coffee Break		
19	CM13 said he heard that the buildings at Nanisivik were contaminated, and asked what caused the contamination. Michael Zurowski replied that zinc dust was the main issue. Richard Cook added that there was also asbestos on the pipes, and that the houses were built in 1978, before the environment was considered. He added that today's mines are "built for closure", so people think about the eventual closure of mines when in the planning stages.		

20	<p>CM14 [researcher] asked about the IQ collection for the project, and how it will inform the EA process?</p> <p>Richard Cook replied explaining how the Pisiksik Working Group was established from different organizations. The Pisiksik members present at the meeting were introduced. He continued to say that Pisiksik has developed a questionnaire of 170 questions, has made a list of informants, and have also completed an IQ agreement. Interviews will start in the few months, as well as focus groups to talk about special issues and concerns. This work will be extended into Arctic Bay and Igloodik, where other working groups will be established. It is hoped that working group members from the three communities can meet to discuss issues.</p>		
21	<p>CM12 [QIA] referred to earlier comments regarding air traffic and asked if Baffinland can speak to the pilots about flying low? Michael Zurowski responded that the pilots are instructed to fly high, and only back and forth to the site.</p>		
22	<p>CM15 [Pisiksik member, elder] asked if the hunters at the meeting, those who caribou hunt around Mary River, and go fishing and hunting around Milne Inlet, would agree or not to having a port at Milne Inlet. CM1 responded that at present Baffinland are only conducting exploration. If the people want to buy the ore, then this needs to be thought about, but it is not known if the mine will go ahead or not. Rod Cooper responded that Baffinland has not made a decision to build a port at Milne Inlet, and this decision won't be made until next year. He added that they need to hear from the hunters and information on land use. If the impacts are not acceptable, Baffinland might go through Steensby. Baffinland will need to use Milne Inlet for the bulk sampling program, but this is not for the operation of the mine.</p> <p>Shelly Elverum – asked CM15 what would help him to hear from the hunters?</p> <p>CM15 added that decisions are being made, but are the hunters in agreement or disagreement? This needs to be talked about and if everyone agrees then things will go well.</p> <p>CM11 responded that this discussion among hunters should be talked about locally and not with Baffinland.</p>		
23	<p>CM10 said they heard that after Nanisivik closed that there would be exploration at Mary River, and if he were a white person his concerns would be written down. He added that even if they try to stop the exploration, use hunting as an excuse, heard that a long time ago, what strength do the people of Pond Inlet have?</p> <p>CM12 [QIA] asked if there will be restrictions on harvesting during your bulk sampling? Rod Cooper responded that at certain periods of time during the hauling where there may be a safety concern with people hunting in the area, but other than that, he can't see anything that would limit hunting. CM12 replied that it will need to be broadcast to the area.</p>		

24	<p>CM1 stated that training programs for heavy equipment operations are expected to happen on site and in the community and indicated that the community is in dire need of a jet strip. He asked if Baffinland would help the community with this. Rod Cooper replied that the bulk sampling program is a good starting point for people to learn some of the skills that would be useful in construction, but that because the bulk sampling program is short term it is not expected that a person would learn all the skills.</p> <p>CM1 replied that Rod Cooper has not attended earlier public meetings, when a jet strip and breakwater was requested, and asked if these be considered at the IIBA negotiations? Rod Cooper replied that if there is a strong interest in the community, that they will probably be discussed.</p>		
25	<p>CM2 asked what the majority of jobs will be doing during the bulk sampling, and what percentages might be hired locally. Rod Cooper responded that training positions are planned to give exposure to different jobs – various jobs on site and in camp itself, as well as the overland hauling. Rod Cooper added that Baffinland currently employs 34 persons from the community at Mary River, and for the bulk sampling they hope to draw more from Pond Inlet, as well as Arctic Bay and Igloolik. He said he can't predict numbers, but he wants to establish a system to draw locally. The peak number could be as high as 90, in addition to up to 40 trainees. This is in addition to the existing jobs at Mary River to continue exploration activities.</p>		
26	<p>RC – Thanked everyone for their questions, and indicated they would remain for a while to answer any additional questions.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 9:32pm</p>		

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APPENDIX E2

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**BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION
MARY RIVER PROJECT**

**PISIKSİK WORKING GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date and Time: September 7, 2006
Place: Toohoonik Sagoonik Co-op Boardroom
Pond Inlet
Subject: Mary River Project – Proposed Bulk Sampling Program
Note Taker: Richard Cook
File: NB102-181/4-A.02
Cont. No. : NB06-01158

Participants:	<u>Client</u> Michael Zurowski (part-time)	<u>Knight Piésold Ltd. (KPL)</u> Richard Cook Shelly Elverum	<u>Pisiksik Working Group</u> Elisapee Ootoova Jacob Peterloosie Ishmael Katsak Joanasie Atadjuat Ena Mucktar Geesoonie Killiktee Sarahme Akoomalik (interpreter)
Regrets:			
Distribution:	Pisiksik, Baffinland, File		

Item	Description	Action By	Date Req'd
1	Shelly opened the meeting at 10 a.m. and PM1 provided a morning prayer.		
2	Agenda Item 1 – PM2's trip to Igloolik. PM2 [Pisiksik Youth Representative] spoke of her trip to Igloolik. While in Igloolik, she met with various groups in the community to obtain contact information and tell them about Pisiksik. She met with the Hamlet staff and mayor, and the youth group, and told them about the work Pisiksik is undertaking. The elder's group is not very active in Igloolik. She obtained contact information for the Hamlet councillors and Hunters and Trappers Association. She asked if there were questions. PM3 asked if the inactive elders committee are older or younger elders and PM2 replied that she was told there is a group that could do as Pisiksik does. PM3 asked if there are elders who go with the youth council, and PM2 replied that it is not the elder's committee but another group to deal with Mary River.		
3	Agenda Item 2 – Debriefing on Public Meeting. Shelly asked if there were any comments about last night's public meeting. PM3 said he missed the beginning and it seems that plans are being made behind the scenes and even if hunters don't agree or us, that they'll make plans. Also, the community doesn't know what Pisiksik are doing. Shelly said that Pisiksik seems to be growing bigger than this room. PM1 said she likes the Pisiksik work and the business [Mary River] are going to bring good things to the community. Richard responded that it is up to Baffinland to develop the plans for their project, but that they need to discuss the plans with the community and consider what the community has to say when finalizing their plans.		

4	PM4 apologized that he had other commitments during the public meeting, and asked if they will sell the bulk sample ore, and if this is a one-time thing or will happen again. Richard replied that the bulk sampling program is a one-time sample. Baffinland only needs to do this once, and then they would look to develop a full scale mine. Approvals for the bulk sampling program are required, and then separate approvals will be required before the company can return and build a mine. Even though Baffinland will be able to sell the bulk sample ore, they will spend far more money than they will earn on the bulk sample.		
5	Coffee break.		
6	Agenda Item 3 – Review of Bulk Sampling Program. Richard asked if he could review in more detail the plans for the bulk sampling program, to obtain feedback from the group. He reviewed the operations at Mary River, upgrades to the road, activities at Milne Inlet using a preliminary site layout, and a description of the shipping traffic and activities. Most of the subsequent discussion was in relation to what the road upgrades would mean to people, and where people currently use Milne Inlet.		
7	Regarding road traffic, the following comments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunters will probably travel next to the road and not on the road by snowmobile; ATVs would probably travel on the road • Whether or not there is more winter or summer use, that it is probably ATV traffic, but it depends how many caribou are in the area • Fixing the road would probably increase ATV traffic • People were hoping the mine would fix up the road; it is seen as a community benefit • In spring, if there is not much snow on the road, snowmobiles won't use it • Usually two people travel on ATV when hunting caribou; one and sometimes two ATVs are put into the boat to get to Milne Inlet • About 50-80 people have boats or access to one; some people charter other people's boats (buy the gas) to get out • Some people charter a twin-otter to Milne Inlet and Mary River • People hunt caribou off the road; there are all kinds of ATV trails off the road. The ATVs can go anywhere, not just the road. The road would be used if carrying heavy stuff, the hunter will avoid the rough rides • Some of the big creeks are major barriers and safety concerns. There are two creeks where accidents have nearly occurred while trying to cross; if bridges or culverts were installed they would use them to cross the creeks. • When there aren't caribou they will go somewhere else; this was again re-iterated that there are not many caribou in the vicinity of the road, that the road wouldn't be used as much • In August caribou are hardly in the Mary River area, they are mostly at the end of fiords. In late August they leave the Mary River area and go southwest. 		

8	<p>Regarding shipping and the use of Milne Inlet, the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the current shack is a good place for putting tents, and near the shack is best for landing boats; the boats will be pulled onto shore and they will camp there • When the wind is strong, they move their boats towards Phillips Creek. They will bring the boats behind the sand spit at the mouth of Phillips Creek. They will tent next to the creek by the shack, or stay in the shack during high winds. • They typically bring families to Milne Inlet. The men go inland on ATV to hunt and the rest will stay and fish. There is not many berry picking opportunities at Milne Inlet; you need to go further inland. • Narwhal go into Milne Inlet to eat fish, and they are hunted here • Harp seals are also hunted by boat • Milne Inlet is the origin for travel to Igloodik; the route goes along Phillips Creek or along the creek next to the shack at the beach • Sometimes boats are brought inland, to the lakes northwest of the Milne Inlet beach, via Robertson River in Koluktoo Bay 		
9	<p>Agenda Item 4 - Information / Communication. A discussion was held regarding the dissemination of project information to the working group and the community as a whole. Richard indicated that Pisiksik has met with various people on the environmental team, to discuss caribou, marine wildlife and archaeology, and have expressed an interest in having the researchers come back to talk to the group about the findings. The Hamlet has formally requested Baffinland to develop a communications protocol, and it would make sense that the same protocol be applied to Pisiksik and the community. The following was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is better to have written summaries of the work in English and Inuktitut • We used to have small outpost camps, and they needed to have communication in each camp to function well. Each family member knows what they are doing according to an agreed plan. He doesn't want some plans not working and others to; the plan has to be made first to run well. • Now we have radio and text. Today's youth are not listening to radio but they read; our children go to the library to read. If we have written information, the younger generation will have more information. 		
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM1 asked if there are rules for workers at the camp, and Richard replied that there are rules in the employment contract people sign when they work at Mary River through the Co-op, and there are safety rules or camp rules also. She heard that people have brought drugs back from Mary River, and they don't want people using drugs up there. She asked if she could see the rules. She wants the rules to appear and for the councillors to be aware. PM4, as Hamlet representative, indicated that the Hamlet has the same concerns. PM1 asked if a short summary of the rules could be read on the radio. Richard asked Michael Zurowski of Baffinland to join the meeting for the discussion on camp rules. Michael indicated that rules are in the employment contract and in "camp rules", and everyone is walked through the camp rules at the beginning of the season. PM4 asked if the rules are posted in the tents, and they are not. It was agreed that the camp rules and employment contract would be translated and provided to Pisiksik. 		

11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conversation returned to communication, and Richard indicated that they will look to apply the communication protocol to be developed by the Hamlet and Baffinland to Pisiksik, which would mean the researchers would not be coming specifically to talk to Pisiksik. This would ensure that everyone receives the same information at the same time. • PM3 indicated that he likes the communication to be between the whole community and if good communication is in place, then everything works well; even if people are not agreeing these concerns would appear. The community is always looking for better ways to run the community, and there might be other people [outside of Pisiksik] with other concerns. • PM4 asked about a website, and Richard indicated that Baffinland had thought of that but no action has been taken as yet. 		
12	<p>Agenda Item 5 – Focus Groups. Richard referred to previous mention of focus groups, as a way of obtaining IQ and both concerns and aspirations of various people in the community. This might include hunters, youth, elders, and workers. PM3 indicated that if people are not given any information, they won't have any concerns. It was agreed that some basic project description, even if it is conceptual and not for sure what will happen, needs to be provided to people in these focus groups so that they have something to comment on. It was agreed that this topic would be discussed in the future.</p>		
13	<p>Agenda Item 6 – Pisiksik Schedule. Shelly reviewed the schedule in the near future. A week-long training program for potential interviewers will be carried out shortly, and at the end of the training program the group will interview Katsak, as previously discussed. Shelly suggested Pisiksik observe Katsak's interview, and the group felt it wasn't necessary.</p> <p>Richard indicated that the recent busy period for Pisiksik is over now that the interview questions and research agreement is completed and interviews are starting, but that Baffinland would like to see Pisiksik continue. Pisiksik's site visit to Mary River will happen shortly.</p> <p>PM3 said he'd like to see communication between communities, especially Arctic Bay because of their experience with Nanisivik. Richard indicated that Baffinland has committed to having Pisiksik meeting the working groups to be established in Arctic Bay and Igloolik.</p> <p>Shelly suggested that Pisiksik start thinking about the bigger issues, like workers at site, talking to hunters (focus groups), and concerns of drugs and alcohol. She will be absent from the community for several weeks as interviews start, but they can readjourn when she returns and discuss focus groups.</p>		
14	<p>Motion to adjourn at 4:55 pm by PM5, seconded by PM3 and motion approved by all.</p>		