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To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Draft Agenda for the Community Roundtable component of the Board's assessment of the Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s "Sustaining Operations Proposal" related to the Mary River Project (NIRB 08MN053)

Dear Parties:

On May 8, 2023 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued procedural direction¹ for its assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s (Baffinland) "Sustaining Operations Proposal" (the Proposal), a proposed amendment to the approved Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053, Project Certificate No. 005). The upcoming Community Roundtable (CRT) component of the assessment is scheduled for July 27-August 2, 2023. As a reminder, the Community Roundtable provides designated Community Representatives and interested members of the public in Pond Inlet with an opportunity to supplement the written comment process in relation to the Proposal by sharing their knowledge and perspectives with the Board, and asking questions about the Proposal in an oral format during the following in-person sessions:

- In Iqaluit at the Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre on **July 27-29, 2023** for the Board to hear from the designated Community Representatives from the 7 potentially impacted North Baffin communities; and
- In Pond Inlet at the Atakaalik Community Hall on **August 1 and 2, 2023** for the Board to hear from interested members of the public from Pond Inlet.

[Appendix A](#) of this letter provides the *draft* Agenda for the meetings and interested parties are invited to provide comments by **July 13, 2023**. **Please note:** In addition to the Board considering the comments of parties, the Board may also modify the *draft* Agenda that follows as necessary to reflect the Board's disposition of the Motion from the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Association submitted on June 19, 2023.

¹ NIRB Notice of Reconsideration of PC Terms and Conditions (NIRB Doc ID: 344825)

FORMAT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Community Roundtable is an opportunity for the Board to receive oral submissions from community representatives from the seven (7) affected North Baffin communities of Pond Inlet, Igloolik, Arctic Bay, Sanirajak, Clyde River, Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord. **Please note:** As the focus of the in-person Community Roundtable sessions in Iqaluit and Pond Inlet is to provide communities with an opportunity to share their knowledge, provide comments and ask questions in an oral format, the Board is not providing the option of remote participation during the Community Roundtable.

Presentations

All parties are advised that Baffinland will be provided 30 minutes to present the Proposal and FEIS Addendum at the start of the Community Roundtable sessions. For the session in Iqaluit there will also be 10 minutes allotted to each interested party in attendance in Iqaluit who wishes to share a brief summary of their written comment submissions about the SOP with Community Representatives prior to the commencement of the Community Roundtable session.

The deadline for Baffinland and interested parties to file their presentation materials and confirm their attendance at the Iqaluit session of the Community Roundtable with the Board is on or before **noon (12:00 pm) MDT on Wednesday, July 19, 2023**. To confirm attendance, please provide a list of representatives, including name, position, respective area of expertise or authority, and emails to the Board at info@nirb.ca.

COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE LOGISTICS

The NIRB has made the following logistical arrangements for the Community Roundtable sessions:

- Interpretation:** Simultaneous English and Inuktitut audio
- Facilitator:** NIRB Chairperson
- Materials:** Access to the NIRB's Public Registry will be available at the meetings. The Board requests that Baffinland and interested parties filing presentations with the Board provide enough printed copies of their presentation materials (translated into Inuktitut) for parties in attendance in both locations (~80 copies).
- Meeting times:** Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time and run until 5:00 p.m. with a 1-hour break for lunch and two 15-minute health breaks throughout the day. An evening session will be held in Pond Inlet.
- Format:** In-person

Summary of Important Dates for parties

July 11, 2023	By noon (12:00 pm) MDT Baffinland files their replies to parties' comments and final written submissions in respect of the Proposal and FEIS Addendum with the Board.
July 13, 2023	By noon (12:00 pm) MDT Parties provide their comments on the Board's <i>draft Agenda</i> .
July 19, 2023	By noon (12:00 pm) MDT Baffinland and interested parties confirm their attendance at the Community Roundtable in Iqaluit and file their presentation materials with the Board.
July 20, 2023	NIRB issues final agenda for Community Roundtable

If you have questions regarding the Community Roundtable for the NIRB's assessment of the Sustaining Operations Proposal, please contact Guillaume Daoust, Technical Advisor II at (867) 983-4609 or gdaoust@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
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Attachment: Appendix A – *Draft* Agenda for the Community Round table for Baffinland's Sustaining Operations Proposal

**APPENDIX A – DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE FOR THE
BOARD’S ASSESSMENT OF BAFFINLAND’S SUSTAINING OPERATIONS PROPOSAL**

NIRB File No.: 08MN053 – Sustaining Operations Proposal
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Format: In-person
Locations: Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre, Iqaluit, NU
Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU
Dates: July 27-August 2, 2023
Times: Meeting times are 9:00 am – 5:00 pm local time for the locations. All times are approximate and subject to change at the NIRB’s discretion.

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – Community Representative Orientation at 6:30 p.m.

Community Representatives attending the Iqaluit sessions are expected to participate in an orientation meeting to brief them on the format of the meetings, their role, and how to effectively participate.

Day 1 – Thursday, July 27, 2023 all day – Iqaluit

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*30 minutes*)
 - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc.
 - ii. Review of Agenda
 - iii. Housekeeping Items
3. Proponent Presentation – **Scope of Sustainable Operations Proposal** (*30 minutes*)
4. Interested Parties’ Summary Presentations on their Written Comments (*10 minutes each party*)
5. Questions and comments from Designated Community Representatives

Close of Day 1

Day 2 – Friday, July 28, 2023 all day – Iqaluit

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*15 minutes*)
2. Questions and comments from Designated Community Representatives

Close of Day 2

Day 3 – Saturday, July 29, 2023 morning only – Iqaluit

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*15 minutes*)

2. Continued questioning and comments from Designated Community Representatives
3. Closing Remarks from each Community (*10 minutes each*)
4. Closing Remarks from the Chairperson (*20 minutes*)

Close of Day 3

Day 4 – Monday, August 1, 2023 all day (evening session 7-9pm) – Pond Inlet

1. Opening prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*30 minutes*)
 - i. Introductions, overview of procedural history, structure of proceedings, etc.
 - ii. Opening remarks from Mayor
 - iii. Review of Agenda
 - iv. Housekeeping Items
3. Presentation by the Proponent – **Introduction and Overview of Project** (*30 minutes*)
(NOTE: There may be modifications to the Day 4 Agenda to reflect the Board's decision on the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization's June 19, 2023 Motion)
4. Questions and comments from interested members of the public in Pond Inlet

Close of Day 4

Day 5 – Tuesday, August 2, 2023 all day – Pond Inlet

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson (*20 minutes*)
2. Continued questions and comments from interested members of the public of Pond Inlet
3. Closing Remarks from the Board (*20 minutes*)

Close of Day 5