

## **NIRB Workshop Proposal: Developing/Refining Project Specific Monitoring Frameworks established under NIRB Project Certificates**

**Abstract:** The NIRB currently maintains 5 Project Certificates for mining and milling projects in Nunavut. The NIRB's process is directed by the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), and requires the NIRB to undertake both pre-development impact assessment, as well as post-approval monitoring of projects that occur within the Nunavut Settlement Area. Monitoring activities are expected to inform the Board and interested parties regarding how a project is actually being implemented, measure success of mitigation measures imposed during the Review process, and enable the Board to provide annual recommendations to improve compliance and allow adaptive management of projects. In addition to the terms and conditions, which constitute the body of the document, each Project Certificate includes an appendix to define the project specific monitoring framework, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of parties involved in the monitoring process.

Of the 5 NIRB Project Certificates currently in place, 4 have been newly issued or recently amended, and as a result still require their respective appendix to be issued, outlining the project specific monitoring framework for the development. In preparation for (re)issuing these appendices, the NIRB would like to bring those parties with a role in project monitoring together to discuss how best to structure the required reporting of monitoring results, assignment of responsibilities, coordination with other programs and initiatives and other associated issues with the objective of minimizing duplication and enabling more effective monitoring for proponents, regulators and the general public. The NIRB is proposing to host a short workshop in conjunction with the 2017 Nunavut Mining Symposium to solicit feedback into this initiative while many of the affected parties are expected to be in attendance.

**Location:** half-day workshop held in conjunction with the 2017 Nunavut Mining Symposium in Iqaluit, NU, possible fit to include either the afternoon of Thursday, April 6 or the morning of Friday, April 7.

**Format:** NIRB facilitated session likely in a roundtable setting (like a technical meeting or guideline workshop) with structured questions and time for response/discussion.

**Parties Flagged for Participation:** Industry Proponents, Federal/Territorial regulators, Regional Inuit Associations, other interested parties.

**Deliverables:** Report summarizing discussions and themes identified, as well as planned steps to develop more effective project specific monitoring frameworks. Release of the report would be, followed by (re)issuance of the 4 outstanding Project Certificate appendices.

### **Draft Agenda:**

1. Introductions
2. Overview of workshop goals and deliverables
3. NIRB presentation: role in monitoring process, direction in Nunavut Agreement and NuPPAA, roles of parties;
4. Facilitated discussion based on strategic questions on annual reporting and data presentation, coordination of processes, cost of activities vs results informing parties, and considerations for NWB coordination in assessment and monitoring
5. Session wrap up – results of discussions, reporting expectations, next steps in process.