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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Via email: info@nirb.ca

Dear Ms. Kaluraq,

Government of Canada Written Comments Regarding Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) Motion

On behalf of the Government of Canada, thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments on Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) Notice of Motion to adjourn the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Phase 2 Development Proposal. The Government of Canada confirms its oral submission of November 6, 2019 to support the immediate adjournment of the Phase 2 public hearings.

The Government of Canada notes that the Production Increase Proposal approval expires December 31, 2019. The Government of Canada is supportive of discussing a process to consider the renewal of this approval.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Senior Project Manager Adrian Paradis at 867-669-2595 or by email at adrian.paradis@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dyer
Director General
Northern Projects Management Office

Attachment

cc:



David Rochette, Regional Director General, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Mary Taylor, Environmental Protection Operations Directorate Environment and Climate Change Canada

Tom Hoggarth, Director General, Ecosystems Management Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Central and Arctic Region

Shari Currie, Regional Director General, Prairie and Northern Region, Transport Canada

Patrick O'Neill, Director General, Explosives, Safety and Security Branch, Natural Resources Canada

Chantal Roberge, Director, Environmental Health and Internationally Protected Persons, Health Canada

Mark Hopkins, Director General, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Jenna Boon, Nunavut Field Unit Superintendent, Parks Canada

**Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Phase 2 Development Proposal
("Proponent's Phase 2 Project")**

WRITTEN SUBMISSION by the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

(representing all of the federal Department and Agency Intervenors)

on the NOTICE OF MOTION

Made by NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INCORPORATED

A. BASIS FOR ADJOURNMENT

1. The Government of Canada confirms its oral submission of November 6, 2019, that it supports the need for an immediate adjournment of the public hearings before the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB"). The Proponent was not able to complete its technical presentations to the NIRB. The registered federal Intervenors, namely:
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
 - Transport Canada;
 - Parks Canada Agency;
 - Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada;
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada;
 - Health Canada; and
 - Natural Resources Canada;(collectively: "the federal Intervenors") have been unable, to date, to put all of their questions to the Proponent in respect of all of the technical matters of concern to them. Nor have other Intervenors been able to make oral presentations to the NIRB. The Government of Canada agreed that the NIRB should not proceed to the Community

Roundtable sessions scheduled for Pond Inlet on November 8 and 9, 2019, without having completed the Technical Session portion of the NIRB's public hearings and without hearing the oral presentations of the Intervenor.

B. PROPOSED PERIOD OF ADJOURNMENT

2. The federal Intervenor has some outstanding issues regarding the Proponent's Phase 2 Project and intend to use the period of adjournment, if granted by the NIRB, to continue ongoing discussions with the Proponent with a view to resolving or clarifying as many as of these as possible.
3. The Government of Canada notes that many of the Intervenor expressed concerns about and/or objections to various aspects of the Proponent's Phase 2 Project during the hearings held in Iqaluit.
4. The Government of Canada submits that, in particular, it will be important for the Proponent to further engage with the Inuit Intervenor and attempt to address their concerns.
5. The Government of Canada has no recommendation as to the amount of time required to bring about the conditions necessary for the continuation of the NIRB hearings.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 15th day of November, 2019

The Government of Canada

Per:


Lisa Dyer

On behalf of the Federal Intervenor
Participating in the NIRB Hearing