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To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Logistics for the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s "Phase 2 Development" Proposal

Dear Parties:

On December 16, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) notified parties through its *Records of Proceedings and Disposition of Motions Report* that a third Technical Meeting and associated Pre-Hearing Conference would be held as part of the Board's assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) "Phase 2 Development" proposal, a proposed amendment to the approved Mary River Project (NIRB File No.: 08MN053). The purpose of these in-person meetings will be to review outstanding technical issues associated with parties' review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Addendum, as well as outstanding issues and additional submissions provided by Baffinland following the adjourned Public Hearing in November 2019. The NIRB has scheduled the additional meetings to occur **March 16-25, 2020 at the Koojessee Room at the Frobisher Inn in Iqaluit**; specifically, the Technical Meeting portion would occur **March 16-20, 2020**, followed by the Community Roundtable on **March 23-24, 2020**, and Pre-Hearing Conference on **March 25, 2020**.

Following the Technical Meeting, the NIRB will hold the Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) to discuss such matters as: timelines for submissions, future meetings, evidence, document exchange, Public Hearing venue and timing, Public Hearing format, and any other matters related to the logistics of the Public Hearing. The NIRB will facilitate a Community Roundtable session in conjunction with the PHC, which will involve representation from communities identified as potentially impacted by the proposed Project. Following the PHC, the Board will issue a PHC decision which will provide direction to parties regarding the continuation of the Public Hearing. To track the progress of technical issues, during the technical meeting Baffinland will be responsible for compiling a list of commitments made by Parties to resolve technical issues; the list of commitments will be submitted to the Board for its consideration at the PHC once wording is confirmed by relevant parties and be included in the PHC Report.

Further details on the arrangements to be made for the Technical Meeting along with a draft agenda will be circulated by the NIRB in the coming days. Parties will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the ordering of discussion items prior to finalizing the agenda.

Public Awareness and Community Engagement

The NIRB will be inviting up to three (3) representatives from each of the designated potentially impacted communities, specifically Pond Inlet, Igloolik, Hall Beach, Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord, Clyde River, Arctic Bay and Iqaluit to attend the Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference in Iqaluit. The Board will begin soliciting representative's participation in the coming weeks.¹ The NIRB will cover the cost of travel, accommodations and provide standard per-diem rates to cover the cost of meals and incidentals for these community representatives to allow for their attendance and participation the Pre-Hearing Conference. The NIRB will be requesting the nomination of community representatives from Hamlet Councils, Hunters & Trappers Organizations, and other community groups to encourage representation that is inclusive of a variety of demographics including, but not limited to, Inuit harvesters, women, youth and Elders.

Participant Funding for Intervenors

In respect of the participant funding program provided by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, the NIRB has initiated discussions on the potential need for additional funding to Intervenors based on the process outlined in this correspondence, and dates of in-person meetings as well as the associated technical review. Additional information will be provided in the coming days on next steps for Intervenors.

Hotel Accommodations

The NIRB asks that all parties provide sufficient representation during both the planned technical sessions and PHC to represent the parties' issues as well as respond to questions from community members. The NIRB will not be coordinating reservations or holding hotel accommodations for parties or Intervenors; each agency is responsible to secure its representatives' flights, accommodations, and meals. Given the limited hotel space in Iqaluit, the NIRB encourages parties planning to attend the meetings to secure their accommodations as soon as possible.

In closing, as we move closer to the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference for the NIRB's assessment of Baffinland's "Phase 2 Development" proposal, the NIRB thanks all parties for their support and encourages their continued active engagement in the reconsideration process. Additional details regarding logistics and final scheduling will be provided as they become available over the coming weeks.

Parties are asked to direct all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca. Should you require clarification on the NIRB's assessment of the "Phase 2 Development" proposal contact Cory Barker, Technical Advisor I, at (867) 983-4607 or via email at cbarker@nirb.ca; or Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II, at (867) 983-4603 or via email at samuno@nirb.ca.

¹ Any interested members of the public from Iqaluit will be welcome to participate during the Pre-Hearing Conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara Arko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tara" being more prominent than the last name "Arko".

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
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