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To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Final Agenda for the NIRB's Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop in Pond Inlet for the Extension Request to the Production Increase of the Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053), August 25, 2020

Dear Parties:

On August 6, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a *draft* Agenda for the upcoming Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop to be held in Pond Inlet associated with the Extension Request to the Production Increase of the Mary River project (NIRB File No.: 08MN053).

On or before August 14, 2020 the NIRB received submissions from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Transport Canada, Parks Canada, Northern Projects Management Office, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Hamlet of Pond Inlet, Oceans North, and Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s (Baffinland). The NIRB has considered the revisions to the draft workshop agenda proposed and has adjusted the time allocated for Baffinland's presentation and adopted the suggested wording to better accommodate topical issues associated with the Marine Monitoring Programs and project-related shipping. The *Final* Workshop Agenda has been attached as [Appendix A](#) for the information of all parties.

The workshop on August 25, 2020 will consist of in-person sessions running throughout the day and evening in the Atakaalik Community Hall in Pond Inlet with options for other participants to join by teleconference. The NIRB will arrange for teleconference information to be provided to identified participants prior to the meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming Community Update Meeting & Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop in Pond Inlet, please contact the undersigned at samuno@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4603 or Cory Barker, Technical Advisor I, at cbarker@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4607.

Sincerely,



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APPENDIX A –FINAL AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 08MN053 – Marine Monitoring and Marine Mitigation Workshop
Proponent: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Facilitator: Karen Costello, NIRB Executive Director
Location: Atakaalik Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU
Dates & Times: August 25, 2020: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm (evening session)

Note: All times given are approximate. The order of discussion topics and times given are subject to change at the NIRB's discretion. A 10-15 minute health break will be provided during each morning, afternoon, and evening session. Due to public health measures no snacks will be provided,

TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2020

1. NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks (*20 minutes*)
 - Objectives of the Workshop
 - Discussion of the NIRB's role
 - Introduction of Participants
 - Housekeeping Items
 - Public health protocols
 - Overview of Agenda
2. Baffinland Overview Presentation (*30 minutes*)
 - Status of ore production and transportation/shipment
 - Overview of 2019 shipping activities and mitigation applied
 - Baffinland's actions taken to address the commitments made to the Board's 2019 Marine Workshop Recommendations (i.e., actions taken so far to address concerns)
 - Compliance status with NIRB Project Certificate - marine terms and conditions
 - Communications Protocol and Community Feedback
 - Overview of 2020 Shipping Season
3. Updates and Status of Baffinland's Marine Monitoring Programs (*30 minutes*)
 - Baffinland's overall approach to marine environment effects monitoring, and development of management, and mitigation measures
 - Marine Mammal Aerial Surveys/Bruce Head Shore-based Monitoring Program
 - Passive Acoustic Monitoring Program
 - Marine Environmental Effects Monitoring Program and Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Program/ Physical Oceanography
 - Fisheries Offsetting Monitoring Program (existing Ore Dock and newly constructed Freight Dock)
 - Overview of each program, data collected to date, implications for applied mitigation and planned 2020 activities

4. Open discussion:
 - Updates on Vessel Management protocols (anchorage and drifting zones)
 - Ballast water exchange and concerns around invasive species
 - Baffinland's follow-up on Fish mortality events and reporting to community
 - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) and marine mammals around the shipping route
 - Community perspectives on project-related shipping and impacts
 - Effectiveness of current monitoring and mitigation measures
 - Results of ongoing community-based monitoring programs relevant to the marine environment
5. Afternoon session wrap-up with comments and feedback from participants
6. Evening session (6:30 – 9:00 pm):
 - Presentation by Baffinland on 2019 shipping activities, mitigation applied, monitoring conducted and results, and activities for 2020 shipping season, mitigation and monitoring activities including community engagements (*30 minutes*)
 - Question and answer session with public
 - Workshop wrap-up and next steps