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IKAJUTIT HUNTERS' & TRAPPERS' ORGANIZATION

NIRB File No. 08MNB053

Production Increase Proposal Renewal

Request for extension of time to file comments
From Ikajutit Arctic Bay HTA

Ikajutit, the Arctic Bay Hunters and trappers Association, submits this request to the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB") on June 22th, 2022 via email to Info@nirb.ca.

This request is for additional time for Ikajutit to develop and submit their comment to the NIRB on Baffinland Iron Mines Limited's "Production Increase Proposal Renewal" Project Proposal for the Mary River Project, as outlined in the June 13th, 2022 Notice from the NIRB.

The reasons for this request are as follows:

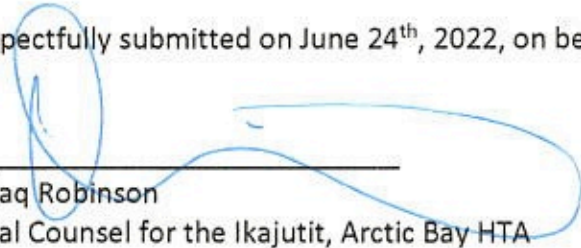
1. On June 13th, 2022, Ikajutit, along with other parties, were provided with notice from the NIRB regarding the opportunity to give comments on the Baffinland's Production Increase Proposal Renewal request. The Notice provided June 28th, 2022, as the deadline for submitting comments.
2. On June 17th Ikajutit was provided by the NIRB with Baffinland's Supplemental Information Package regarding their request. The package provided contains significant information upon which Ikajutit must reflect before commenting. Further, the package is large and only available in English so it will take Ikajutit staff and technical support to review and present the content to the HTA members.
3. Ikajutit requires additional time to review the request, the supporting material and to finalize comments through Ikajutit's governance structure. The timelines provided by the NIRB are impossible for the Ikajutit to meet, for the following reasons:
 - a. Notice from the NIRB was received as the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board ("NWMB") was heading into their AGM. As an HTA, Ikajutit is a key participant and co-management partner when it comes to the work of the NWMB and wildlife management generally. Ikajutit had an obligation to focus its resources on NWMB processed until June 17th. Further, the NWMB meetings required

Ikajutit members to travel, which has resulted in even more of their time and resources being used up.

- b. It is spring time and a very important time for hunting, as such, many of the Ikajutit members have not received the Notice and have not been able to meet to develop and finalize comments as they are on the land and harvesting. Specifically, the staff and technical team for Ikajutit has not been able to reach the vice chairperson of Ikajutit, as he is at the flow edge and has not been available to meet and call a meeting of the HTA executive and/or members.
- c. Finally, the chairperson of Ikajutit HTA was medevacked from Arctic Bay and was out of the community for medical reasons, as such meetings of the Ikajutit HTA have not been able to proceed.

Based on the grounds outlined above Ikajutit HTA is asking for an additional week to submit comments on the Request for the Production Increase Proposal Renewal, and for the deadline to be extended to July 5th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted on June 24th, 2022, on behalf of Ikajutit HTA.



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