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Re: Follow Up to Comments Received on the Draft Rules of Procedure and Draft Standard IS Guidelines and Requests for Additional Consultation

Dear Interested Parties:

On December 6, 2018, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.2.23 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 38 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*) the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) released *Draft Rules of Procedure and Draft Standard Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines* for comment and invited interested parties to provide comments on the draft documents by **March 15, 2019**.

By March 18, 2019, comments on the *Draft Rules of Procedure and Draft Standard Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines* were received by the NIRB from the following parties:

- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;
- The Kivalliq Inuit Association;
- The Qikiqtani Inuit Association;
- The Government of Nunavut;
- The Government of Canada;
- The Government of the Northwest Territories;
- Agnico Eagle Mines Limited;
- TMAC Resources Inc.; and
- (preliminary comments and an extension request) from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation.

The *Draft Rules of Procedure* and the *Draft Standard IS Guidelines* and all comment submissions received to date can be accessed from the NIRB's website at www.nirb.ca/rules-of-procedure.

In reviewing the comment submissions received to date, several proponents have requested that the NIRB follow up by conducting directed engagement sessions to allow for more in-depth discussions about issues identified by reviewers and provided in summary form in their comments. Consequently, the NIRB staff will make themselves available for two follow up discussion opportunities about the *Draft Rules of Procedure* and *Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines* at the upcoming Nunavut Mining Symposium (April 1-4):

- On Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 10:30 am -12:00 pm (EDT) at the NWT/NU Chamber of Mines Office in Iqaluit the NIRB will be available for further in-depth discussions with mining industry representatives; and
- On Wednesday, April 3, 2019 as part of the Regulatory Session of the Nunavut Mining Symposium from 8:30 am - 10:00 am (EDT) at the Astro 2 Theatre, Frobisher Inn, the NIRB will be presenting an overview of comments and update of the next steps for the *Draft* Rules of Procedure and *Draft* Standard Impact Statement Guidelines.

As indicated in the NIRB's December 6, 2018 invitation to comment, the NIRB will entertain requests for directed engagement opportunities in support of this initiative on a case-by-case basis. In considering the comments received during the first comment period, the NIRB has decided to schedule a second 60-day opportunity for comments on revised drafts of the ROPs and IS Guidelines prior to their finalization. The Board will distribute notice broadly on the next comment period once the revised drafts have been prepared.

If you have any questions or wish to follow up with a request for directed engagement opportunities with the NIRB in support of this initiative, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rules of Procedure and Standard IS Guidelines Distribution List