



June 22, 2015

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Sent via electronic mail

Dear Mr. Savoy,

Re: Submission of Comments for the Technical Meeting for the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Baffinland appreciates the opportunity to participate in the technical meetings regarding the draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (“DNLUP”) and to provide the following comments from the perspective of an active industrial proponent in Nunavut. The continuing efforts of NPC towards the goal of developing a workable plan are much appreciated. While we have identified some areas of uncertainty where clarification is requested, as a general comment this draft represents an improved approach which provides more clarity to proponents with respect to the issue of land use planning when compared to previous land use plans.

Baffinland has reviewed the submissions of the Chamber on the DNLUP and agrees with them. Baffinland particularly supports the submissions of the Chamber on procedural matters and timelines. It would be helpful for the DNLUP to clarify information requirements and process for conformity determinations and plan amendments. Generally, the goal should be to limit uncertainty in determining conformity. Whether a particular use is permitted in an area or not should be clearly stated and easily assessed.

Additional areas for discussion during the technical meetings include:

- Appropriate setback flexibility with respect to migratory birds at the regulatory stage;
- Further clarification with respect to proposed future research studies and direction to regulatory authorities respecting polynyas; and
- Further clarification with respect to the approach to transportation corridors, with particular regard to the Northern and Southern shipping routes for the Mary River Mine.

Mike Settingington, R.P.Bio., CWB, MSc, BScF, of EDI Environmental Dynamics Inc. will be attending the meetings with us this week and will provide comments on technical matters as appropriate during these meetings. Depending on the nature of the issues brought forward by other participants, we may provide NPC with a written report from Mr. Settingington at a later date prior to the public hearings on the plan.

We look forward to productive meetings in Iqaluit this week.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact myself at (416) 364-8820 ext. 5012 or oliver.curran@baffinland.com.

Regards,



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