



establishing the appropriate procedure for conducting a Project Certificate reconsideration under Section 12.8.2. However, in developing the appropriate reconsideration process applicable to this proposed Project amendment, the NIRB is mindful that in the past, when the Section 12.8.2 reconsideration involved the need for additional assessment of the potential ecosystemic and socio-economic effects of the Project as amended, the NIRB did ensure that opportunities for public consultation, technical review and comment and a public hearing in respect of the proposed amendment were provided (see the procedural history set out in the reconsideration of term and condition 32 of NIRB Project Certificate No. 004 for the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project<sup>1</sup>).

Consequently, as indicated by the NIRB in recent correspondence to the Minister, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and Baffinland regarding Baffinland's proposed changes to the Project, the Board envisions a similar reconsideration process in this case, involving public consultation in communities most affected by the changes, a technical review and comment period, culminating with a public hearing and community roundtable. The NIRB also recognizes that the comments provided by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and others regarding this application highlights, as is the case with all of the NIRB's decision-making processes, the need to ensure that there is direct communication with potentially affected communities using appropriate methods.

In closing, the NIRB wishes to reiterate to the NPC and all interested parties that the Board recognizes the importance of providing as much clarity regarding the anticipated reconsideration process as possible, and to this end, the Board appreciates receiving the NPC's advice regarding the process for conformity determination provided in your recent letter.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further please contact Amanda Hanson, NIRB's Director of Technical Services at (867) 983-4615 or via email at [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca).

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<sup>1</sup> NIRB File No.: 03MN107, Hearing Report for the NLCA 12.8.2 Reconsideration of Condition 32 of the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project Certificate (No. 004), June 2009 at pp. 1-5.