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Dear Mr. Meighan

RE: Transport Canada's request to provide to Evidence during the Nunavut Planning Commission's (NPC) public review of the Baffinland Iron Mine's Corporation's Early Revenue Phase Proposal.

Thank you for your email dated December 5, 2013 informing that the Department of Transport Canada would like to provide written evidence with regards to the Nunavut Planning Commission's (NPC) public review of the Baffinland Iron Mine's Corporation's (BIMC) application to amend the North Baffin regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP).

To ensure procedural fairness in the public review of the BIMC application to amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) with regards to BIMC's submission of the Early Revenue Phase (ERP) received by the NPC in June 2013, the NPC enacted the Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews (RPHPR) to govern the public review process on November 14, 2013. The NPC distributed a public notice on November 18, 2013 of its intentions to conduct the public review. A second public notice granting time extensions and providing further information was distributed November 25, 2013.

The RPHPR grants full standing to parties, and requires that any interested person(s) wishing to make representations and introduce evidence request standing. No requests for standing by interested persons were received by the NPC. The NPC received notices of an intention to participate from:

- 1) BIMC
- 2) Qikiqtani Inuit Association

3) Department of Transportation – Canada

These entities are given a full standing as “parties” as defined in Rule 2.2(u) of the RPHPR without request, and pursuant to the NPC’s Direction on Procedure made December 15, 2013. Their addresses for service are being circulated separately. The Government of Canada has provided notice of intention to participate on behalf of several departments, and the NPC will amend the list of participants once addresses for service of those departments have been confirmed.

Parties who intend to rely on written presentations in the oral hearings must file the written presentation to the NPC no later than 12:00 PM December 31, 2013 and those parties wishing to attend the oral hearings and give evidence via teleconference must request in writing to the NPC no later than 12:00PM December 31, 2013. The NPC encourages you to review the RPHPR, the NPC’s Public Notices, and NPC’s Direction on Procedure made December 15, 2013 as these contain important directions and time lines on various procedural matters. The NPC also intends to issue a further Direction on Procedure to clarify item 14(b) of the December 15th Direction on Procedure, to require participants attending via teleconference to also serve those written materials in addition to filing with the NPC.

I have also attached a copy of the amendment application you requested as submitted by the BIMC, as well as BIMC’s overview of the changes to the Project Certificate No. 005 and NPC’s Scope of Matters to be Considered. These documents are all available on NPC website www.nunavut.ca.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at aglukark@nunavut.ca or Christopher Tickner at ctickner@nunavut.ca.

Sincerely,



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