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Attention: Levi Barnabas

Government of Nunavut  
Department of Environment  
P.O. Box 1000, Station 1360  
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Attention: Steve Pinksen, Assistant Deputy Minister

**Re: Distribution of benefits from the Mary River Mine**

We are writing to follow up on the recent Nunavut Planning Commission (the Commission) public hearings held in Pond Inlet on Baffinland's application to amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan to allow rail as a mode of transportation within the existing transportation corridor.

During the public hearings, one of the key issues expressed by community members was that they were not satisfied with the distribution of benefits from the Mary River Mine. Upon questioning by Baffinland, those participants were supportive of Baffinland and the QIA engaging directly with the community to discuss the issue.

In addition to the commitments contained within the IIBA, the distribution of benefits is addressed in Condition 160 of Project Certificate No. 5, "*The Government of Nunavut and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association are encouraged to cooperate to ensure in a broad sense, that Project benefits are distributed across impacted communities and across various demographic groups within these communities in a manner that best offsets any Project-related impacts to infrastructure or services*".

Baffinland has provided significant benefits to Nunavut and to Inuit and is committed to working with the GN and QIA respecting the appropriate distribution of benefits. In addition to the monetary benefits, Baffinland continues to provide training, employment and business opportunities to the residents of the North Baffin as well as Nunavut in general. This was recognised by participants during the hearings and in written submissions to the Commission.

Baffinland is requesting a meeting to discuss the information shared by community members through the NPC process and consider potential strategies to work with the community to address their concerns.

Baffinland suggests the meeting occur in Iqaluit as soon as possible to address this critical issue. We look forward to discussing these important issues with you soon.

Thank you,

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Todd Burlingame  
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Ms. Daisy Koonoo, Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization  
His Worship, Joshua Katsak, Mayor, Hamlet of Pond Inlet  
Mr. Brian Aglukark, Director of Policy and Planning, Nunavut Planning Commission  
Mr. Ryan Barry, Executive Director, Nunavut Impact Review Board