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Dear Mr. Madsen;

RE: [NIRB File # 08MN053] NPC Decision whether more Information is Required to Satisfy NBRLUP-Appendix J & K

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) have been reviewing the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC) proposed Transportation Corridor associated with the Mary River project Draft since 2010. This Joint Review is to ensure that the requirements of the *North Baffin Regional Land use Plan (NBRLUP)* section 3.5.12 are implemented.

On December 9, 2011, the NPC and the NIRB released an update on the Joint Review on the proposed transportation corridor in Appendix 2 of the NIRB's *Preliminary Hearing Conference Decision Concerning the Mary River Project (PHC Decision)*. It was confirmed under this report that a number of points were needed to satisfy the informational requirements of *Appendix J* of the *NBRLUP*. The NIRB also confirmed in the *PHC Decision* that further information requirements were outstanding at the time of the *PHC Decision*. The NIRB also noted that it was not in a position to provide the NPC with views on whether the assessments necessary to fulfill the environmental assessment elements of *Appendix K* of the *NBRLUP* had been provided. The NPC confirmed that it would study the material but a decision had not yet been reached whether more information to satisfy item 3 of *Appendix J* would be required.

Now that NPC is in receipt of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and having considered the NIRB's views as provided in correspondence to NPC dated April 30, 2012, the NPC has concluded its absence/presence review of the FEIS for the relevant NBRLUP information requirements. It has been determined by the NPC that adequate information has been provided by BIMC and parties to meet the requirements of the NBRLUP's appendix J & K, and as such no further information is required. The NPC notes that this decision is consistent with the assessment by the NIRB on this point.

The NPC and the NIRB hope to reach an agreement and verification on a decision determining whether NBRLUP's Appendix J & K requirements have been met by May 30, 2012.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the process or timelines given, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at aglukark@nunavut.ca.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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CC. Mr. Ryan Barry, Executive Director, Nunavut Impact Review Board