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RE: Invitation for Public Comments Associated with the NPC-NIRB Joint Review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Application to Amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan for its Phase 2 Proposal for the Mary River Iron Mine

Dear Mr. Barry:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Baffinland Iron Mines Corp (Baffinland)'s application to amend the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) for its Phase 2 proposal for Mary River Iron Mine.

Participating federal departments are of the opinion that the guidelines in Appendices J and K of the NBRLUP were adequately considered in 2014 during the impact assessment review process of Baffinland's Early Revenue Proposal for the Mary River Iron Mine. Appendix Q of the NBRLUP establishes the Milne Inlet Tote Road and Marine Transportation Corridor, indicating the requirements of Appendices J and K were met. Further, participating federal departments are of the view that the information provided by Baffinland regarding its current amendment application are adequate to determine whether the proposed land uses are reasonable within an approved and existing transportation corridor as described in Appendix Q of the NBRLUP.

Authorizing agencies and departments of the federal government will provide further detailed comments with regards to environmental and socio-economic impacts of the proposed activities should the proposal advance to an impact assessment process of the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

Please refer to the attached submission to the Nunavut Planning Commission for further information on the requirements of the NBRLUP and Appendices J and K as it relates to Baffinland's current application to amend the NBRLUP.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl (1): Government of Canada Response to the Final List of Issues for Public Hearing on
NBRLUP Amendment#3

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