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### **Re: Position regarding the Baffinland's amendment to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan**

Qikiqtani Industry Ltd. (QIL) provides catering and housekeeping services to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation to support the development of the Mary River Project.

The Mary River Project is an important source of benefits for the Qikiqtani region, which creates employment and business opportunities for residents of the North Baffin communities.

Since 2007, QIL has hired over 750 employees for the Mary River Project and is employing on average 250 personnel per year, over 70% of which are Inuit recruited from the impacted communities in the Qikiqtani Region (Hall Beach, Igloolik, Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay) and Iqaluit.

QIL understands that concerns have been raised about the proposed amendment to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan to permit the use of rail in the Tote Road Corridor; and as long as these concerns are fully and satisfactorily addressed through an environmental assessment of Baffinland's Phase 2 Proposal by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, QIL does not oppose the proposed amendment to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

Sincerely,



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