



March 30, 2012

Ms. Amanda Hanson
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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Ms. Hanson

RE: NIRB File # 08MN053- NIRB/NPC Joint Review of the Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. Mary River Project – Appendix J Item 3 Decision

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) completed its absence - presence review of the Baffinland Iron Mines Corp's (BIMC) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Mary River Project on March 14, 2012 to verify whether the BIMC adequately included information to satisfy Appendix J, Item 3 of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

The NPC observes that the FEIS, under volume 4, 5, 6 and 9 specifies the informational requirements for the process be assessed;

- The environment, social and terrain engineering consequences, and the cumulative impacts of the project, and
- The environmental and social impact of the project on nearby settlements or on nearby existing and proposed transportation systems

(Appendix J)

The NPC observes that more information regarding "the suitability of the corridor for the inclusion of other possible communication and transportation initiatives (roads, transmission lines pipelines, etc.)" be provided.

The NPC appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the joint review process with the NIRB in ensuring that the informational requirement's of the NBRLUP appendix J & K are being met for the

Mary River project. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at 867 857 2242 or email aglukark@nunavut.ca

Sincerely,

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

Brian Aglukark,
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