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Via email: erik.madsen@baffinland.com

Re: Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination and Referral from an Authorizing Agency for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Mary River Phase 2" Project Proposal

Dear Erik Madsen:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC) "Mary River Phase 2" project proposal from your office on October 29, 2014. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *Covering Letter to the NIRB*
- *Covering Letter to the Nunavut Planning Commission*
- *Project Description in English*

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination, which we note you have done under separate cover. For further information regarding the conformity process, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at aglukark@nunavut.ca.

The NIRB conducts environmental impact assessment of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Once the NIRB receives a positive conformity determination from the NPC and a Referral from an authorizing agency, the Board will assess the project proposal in accordance with Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and will report to the Government Minister(s) responsible for authorizing the project.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Natasha Lear, Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4612 or via email at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Natasha Lear
Environmental Administrator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
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