



Nunavut Planning Commission  
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Attention: Sharon Ehloak, Executive Director

**Re: Proposal for Amendment to the NBRLUP in relation to the Mary River Phase 2 Expansion Project (NPC File # 148420)**

Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) writes in response to the submissions made during the public comment period in relation to its *Proposed Amendment to Appendix Q of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan*, submitted March 17, 2017 (Amendment). Baffinland has reviewed the submissions made by:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA);
- Hamlet of Pond Inlet;
- Mittimatalik Hunters & Trappers Organization (MHTO);
- Pond Inlet Community Land and Resource Committee (CLARC);
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs;
- Government of Nunavut, and;
- K. Komangapik;
- WWF-Canada.

Baffinland recognizes that community interest from Pond Inlet and other recognized parties under 2.2u of the Nunavut Planning Commission's (Commission) *Rules of Procedure for Public Hearings and Public Reviews* (NPHPR) indicate a desire for further consultation on the proposed Amendment.

Many of the concerns expressed in the submissions can and should be addressed through a comprehensive environmental and socio-economic assessment conducted by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) or a separate Land Use Plan amendment application (e.g., the establishment of a new transportation corridor through Navy Board Inlet).

Should the Commission determine that additional consultation is warranted, Baffinland requests the following:

- that the scope of any hearing or written submission be limited to the Amendment as filed and that issues and topics not specific to the Amendment be addressed through other appropriate and separate regulatory processes;
- that participants in such additional consultation be those parties with a substantial and direct interest in the proceedings to ensure that the review process is fair and open for

both the people of the North Baffin Region and Baffinland and that the Commission is provided with the information necessary to appropriately consider the Amendment; and

- that the Commission establish the process as expeditiously as possible, either by way of written submissions or a public hearing in Pond Inlet, to allow those persons and communities directly affected to make their views known and taken into account by the Commission.

Thank you,



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Cc Mr. Jaykolassie Killiktee, Chairperson, Mittimattalik HTO  
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Mr. David Curley, Pond Inlet CLARC  
Mr. David Rochette, Regional director General, INAC  
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