Andrew Nashuk
Chairperson, Nunavut Planning Commission
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Re: North Baffin Land Use Amendment No. 3

Dear Mr. Nashuk

I am writing this letter as an Inuk under the Nunavut Agreement, I support the North Baffin Regional Land Use Amendment No. 3, I do not object to the amendment, and I support Baffinland to move on to the NIRB process.

I support Baffinland's wish to move to the NIRB process as it will have a positive impact on the five North Baffin communities and Iqaluit if the process moves on. It will create jobs and develop skills for Inuit of the area that is desperately needed in the communities. With Baffinland being the highest employer of Inuit outside of the Government of Nunavut, it will create opportunities for low-skill workers and create training opportunities for them. I have seen the pride people take when they say they work for Baffinland on various tours and the positive impact on their lives and their family. Mining is an important part of Nunavut and without it, it will mean lost opportunities and a way out of poverty for most Inuit, not just in North Baffin, but all over Nunavut. Also, other economic opportunities created by Mary River Mine has created direct and indirect jobs for Inuit in the communities.

I would encourage Nunavut Planning Commission to support Baffinland request for the amendment and move on to the NIRB process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime.

Regards,

Robert Aingilliq Tookoome

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