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Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360 (29 Mitik)
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RE: Mary River Project 2017 Annual Monitoring Report (File number 08MN053)

Parks Canada is responding to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) request for comment on the Mary River Project 2017 Annual Monitoring Report (the Report). Parks Canada is involved in the review of the Baffinland Mary River Project because the project is located near Sirmilik National Park of Canada and entails shipping through the waters of a national marine conservation area (NMCA) proposed for Lancaster Sound.

Parks Canada has a broad mandate in terms of areas of interest related to the Mary River Project. Management and mandate for several of these areas of interest are shared with other reviewing organizations, notably Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC).

Given these shared interests and perspectives, and given that these other reviewing organizations have more extensive scientific expertise for these common areas of interest, Parks Canada consulted with both ECCC and DFO in the review of the Report. Parks Canada would like to specifically support the comments put forward by their departments regarding the Report. In addition, attached are Parks Canada specific comments on the Report.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me at (819) 420-9188 or Allison.stoddart@pc.gc.ca.



Sincerely,

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