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To: Mary River Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Comment Request for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's 2021 Annual Report for the Mary River Project**

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Dear Parties:

On April 1, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's (Baffinland) Mary River Project *2021 Annual Report (2021 Annual Report)* as required by the amended Mary River Project Certificate No. 005. The *2021 Annual Report* and supplemental documents are available for review from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/124703](http://www.nirb.ca/project/124703).

Within the Documents Tab of the Project Dashboard, the documents can be accessed from the 'Annual Reports' document category or by searching with the Document ID numbers 338435 to 338492, 338496 & 338497 for the original documents.

The *2021 Annual Report* includes:

*Original documents:*

- Baffinland Iron Mines 2021 Annual Report
  - Popular Summaries in English and Inuktitut
- Appendices A through G

As per Section 12.7.3 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, s. 135(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*), and the amended Mary River Project Certificate No. 005, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2021 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **May 27, 2022**, on the following:

1. Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by Baffinland in the *2021 Annual Report* are valid; and
- b. Any areas of significance requiring further supporting information or any changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

In addition, the NIRB is requesting that regulatory authorities also provide comments and/or information associated with their respective mandate and jurisdiction, with respect to the following:

2. Compliance monitoring

- a. Provide a summary of any compliance monitoring and/or site inspections undertaken in association with the Project, including specifically;
  - i. Identify the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate which have been incorporated into any permits, certificates, licences or other approvals issued for the Project, where applicable and report annually to the NIRB on the status of those incorporated terms and conditions;
  - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2021 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
  - iii. A summary of Baffinland's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

This information is important to assist the NIRB assess whether the project is carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions as set out in the original project certificate.

Please send all forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca).

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's monitoring of the Mary River Project, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4607 or [cbarker@nirb.ca](mailto:cbarker@nirb.ca) or contact Guillaume Daoust at (867) 983-4609 or [gdaoust@nirb.ca](mailto:gdaoust@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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