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Re: Acknowledgement of the 2019 Annual Report for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Eqe Bay Exploration Program" Project

Dear Megan Lord-Hoyle:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) 2019 Annual Report for the "Eqe Bay Exploration Program" project on March 31, 2020 as required pursuant to Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 4 of the Screening Decision Report, dated August 17, 2018.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 4 states:

4. The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive final report to the Nunavut Impact Review Board on or before March 31st of each year. The final report must contain, but is not limited to, the following information:

a) A summary of activities undertaken for the year, including:

- *a map showing the approximate location of drill sites;*
- *a map showing the location of the fuel cache;*
- *a description of local hires, contracting opportunities and initiatives;*
- *flight altitudes, frequency of flights and anticipated flight routes;*
- *site photos;*

b) A detailed summary of activities undertaken, including any planned progressive reclamation work;

c) A summary of community consultations undertaken throughout the year, providing copy of materials presented to community members, a description of issues and concerns raised, discussions with community members and advice offered to the company as well as any follow-up actions that were required or taken to resolve any concerns expressed about the project proposal;

d) A log of instances in which residents from nearby communities occupy or transit through the project area for the purpose of traditional land use or harvesting. This log should include the location and number of people encountered, activity being undertaken (e.g., berry picking, fishing, hunting, camping, etc.), date and time; and any mitigation measures or adaptive management undertaken to prevent disturbance;

e) A record of wildlife observations, including observed locations (i.e., latitude and longitude), species, number of animals, a description of the animal activity, and a description of the gender and age of animals if possible. A map of known sensitive wildlife sites such as denning sites, caribou crossing sites, and raptor nests in the area should accompany the report.

f) A summary of any wildlife mitigation actions undertaken, including the number of cease-work orders required as a result of proximity to caribou and any other wildlife;

g) An analysis of the effectiveness of mitigation measures for wildlife, and identification of adaptive mitigation that will be implemented if mitigation measures were unsuccessful;

h) Summary of any heritage sites encountered during the exploration activities, any follow-up action or reporting required as a result and how project activities were modified to mitigate impacts on the heritage sites;

i) Summary of its knowledge of Inuit land use in/near the project area and explain how project activities were modified to mitigate impacts on Inuit land use; and

j) Summary of how the Proponent has complied with conditions contained within this Screening Decision, and all conditions as required by other authorizations associated with the project proposal.

Upon review of your submission we have concluded that Baffinland's 2019 Annual Report for the "Ege Bay Exploration Program" project contains the information as required above and that there are no deficiencies to note.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125336.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4603 or at samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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