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Sent via email: lou.kamermans@baffinland.com

Re: The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2023-2024 Annual Monitoring Report for the Mary River Project and Board Recommendations

Dear Mr. Lou Kamermans,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is hereby releasing its 2023-2024 *Annual Monitoring Report for Baffinland's Mary River Project* which includes the NIRB's Assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp's (Baffinland or Proponent) Compliance Status with the Mary River Project Certificate No. 005, Amendment No. 05¹. This report provides the findings that resulted from the monitoring of these Projects from October 2023 to September 2024. The report contains the findings of information that was provided to the Board between October 2023 through September 2024. The Board acknowledges that updates and progress towards compliance on specific Terms and Conditions has occurred since September 30, 2024, and these updates will be included in the 2024-2025 Monitoring Report.

Recommendations

Baffinland continues to apply mitigation measures to the dust generated at site through the application of liquid dust suppressant at the crusher facility. This is currently only being trialed at one (1) of the three (3) crushers; however, Baffinland has indicated positive results.

Recommendation 1: Baffinland provide a plan and timeline for using the liquid dust suppressant across all three (3) crushers at site with the 2024 Annual Report. The plan should also include a projected timeline for when monitoring would allow for better

¹ Based on the NIRB's monitoring activities as set out within the respective Project Certificates, Sections 12.7.1 and 12.7.2 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, and s. 135 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA).

understanding of dustfall at site and when it is anticipated to fall within FEIS Addendum estimates.

As noted in the previous NIRB monitoring report, considering the commitments made by Baffinland, their response to the NIRB's request from the 2022-2023 monitoring period noted that the last *draft* TOR for the MEWG was circulated to the working group in April 2023 with comments received on May 5, 2023. The most recent revised draft is still under internal review and will be finalized following final comments from the working group members and provided to the NIRB by early Q2 of 2024.

Recommendation 2: The Board expects the Proponent to complete the Terms of Reference for the MEWG and TEWG as well as the implementation of the third-party chairperson along with the submission of the 2024 Annual Report.

All documents relating to this Monitoring Report can be obtained from the NIRB's Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125767. Within the *Documents Tab* of the Project Dashboard, the target documents can be accessed from the 'Annual Reports' document category.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the NIRB's monitoring program for the Mary River Project, please contact Cory Barker at cbarker@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary River Distribution List

Enclosure (1): The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2023– 2024 *Annual Monitoring Report for Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Mary River Project*.