



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

March 31, 2025

To: *Mary River Distribution List*

Re: Notice of Ministers' Referral to the NIRB for Development of the Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework related to Baffinland Iron Mines Limited's Mary River Iron Ore Mine Project

Dear Parties:

On March 5, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the enclosed direction¹ from The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, P.C., Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (the Minister)² regarding the NIRB's April 8, 2024 Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework (CEAF) Workshop Report for the Mary River Iron Ore Project (NIRB File No.: 08MN053).

The Ministers have accepted the Board's recommendations as provided in the CEAF Workshop Report and referred the development of a Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework to the NIRB. This notice is for informational purposes only, to ensure parties are aware that the NIRB has received the referral to start this process, and direction on next steps will be issued by the NIRB shortly.

Sincerely,

Tara Arko
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Ministerial Referral Letter, NIRB File No. 08MN053 (March 5, 2025)

cc: Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
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Andrew Nakashuk, Chairperson, Nunavut Planning Commission
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¹ NIRB Public Registry Doc. ID No. 353943

² in coordination with the responsible Ministers; specifically the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, and Minister of Transport

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