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To: Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation  
Teresa Lightfoot, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated  
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Michele LeBlanc Havard, Government of Nunavut  
Spencer Dewar, Government of Canada

Re: **Scheduling of an initial Multi-Party Committee Meeting to support development of a Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework for the Mary River Project**

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Dear Parties:

As previously communicated, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is endeavouring to establish a multi-party committee to support the identification of improvements to the monitoring and assessment of cumulative effects for the approved Mary River Project, and the development and incorporation of an improved CEA Framework to guide future assessments. The NIRB is also developing a draft discussion paper on the CEA conducted to date for the Project, and best practices/opportunities for improvements to CEA that may be considered in the development of the project-specific CEA Framework.

The NIRB recently reached out to representatives from Baffinland Iron Mines Corp., Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Government of Nunavut and the Government of Canada to confirm support for participating in this initiative; the Board appreciates having received positive confirmation of support from each organization.

The NIRB is therefore scheduling an initial Multi-Party Committee meeting for **1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET Wednesday, November 5, 2025**, via Microsoft Teams to further the following objectives:

- establish a project charter for the development of a CEA Framework
- finalize discussion paper outline; and,
- discuss process for framework development, including timelines for public engagement participant funding availability and key steps.

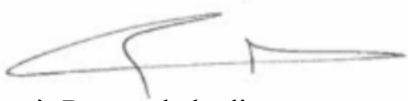
In advance of the meeting the NIRB will prepare and circulate a meeting agenda and initial drafts of a project charter, discussion paper outline and process flow chart to ensure all participants can

participate effectively; these documents will also be circulated to this distribution list and posted on the NIRB's online public registry to ensure public availability.

Following this planned meeting, in the months ahead the NIRB anticipates distributing the draft CEA Framework discussion paper to the public, hosting community engagement and information session(s) to discuss the CEA Framework development initiative and process, and also to seek community views and knowledge in relation to cumulative effects issues and improvements to be incorporated into the CEA Framework.

As this initiative advances, the Board is committed to providing updated reporting and additional procedural guidance to ensure interested parties and the public remain informed about the ongoing efforts of all participants to advance this important work. The Board thanks everyone who has contributed to this initiative to date and appreciates parties remaining engaged in this process going forward.

Sincerely,



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