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Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board
Cambridge Bay, Nunavut
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July 11, 2024

Dear Chairperson Kaluraq:

Re: Baffinland Review Decision for NIRB

We have been made aware of your recent decision to have a review of the latest Baffinland proposal to increase their annual production to 6 million metric tonnes through the Milne Inlet operation to finance their expansion plans to the Steensby port in the future.

We have never had the opportunity to take part in the proceedings for this project but realize the expansion plans for Steensby will have a major impact on our community's dependance on our marine mammals, in particular, our narwhal harvests. We have heard the significant impact the project has had on the community harvests of narwhals in Pond Inlet at 6 million metric tonnes and the plans out of Steensby port is far more than that. We have been made aware that your board has had hearings in the other communities prior to making decisions on the project, other than our community.

The shipping route as proposed out of Steensby will affect the migratory routes of the beluga and narwhal species which our community depends heavily on for food and income. This project has the potential to drastically alter our way of life and we need to be given a meaningful role before any terms are finalized for such project.

Accordingly, we ask your Board to have a hearing(s) in our community to hear from our community about our concerns and hopes of continuing with our way of life with our harvesting practices being shielded from the shipping activity out of Baffinland mine. We also wish to advise that we are in the process of applying for intervenor funding.

We look forward to hearing from you and of your plans to come to Naujaat in the near future.

Respectfully,

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cc. Minister Dan Vandal