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September 27, 2024

To: Mary River Distribution List

Re: **IR Submission received from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation on September 24, 2024, in relation to the NIRB's on-going assessment of the Sustaining Operations Proposal 2**

Dear Parties:

On September 24, 2024, following the receipt of Information Requests (IRs) from Intervenors and other interested parties in relation to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) "Sustaining Operations Proposal 2" Project Proposal (SOP2), a modification to the Mary River Project (the Project), NIRB File No. 08MN053, Baffinland provided a submission directing IRs to the following parties:

- The Nunavut Impact Review Board;
- The North Baffin Hunter and Trapper Organizations in Arctic Bay, Clyde River, Igloolik, Pond Inlet and Sanirajak;
- The Government of Nunavut;
- Government of Canada; and
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Parks Canada;
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

Access to all IRs in relation to the SOP2 reconsideration are available on the NIRB's Public Registry at <https://www.nirb.ca/project/125893> under the "Recent Documents" tab.

For the clarity of all parties, the Board acknowledges that this Proponent IR submission and response timelines and process were not contemplated in the Board's Process Map for the SOP2 assessment. However, the Board notes while this type of request for data or procedural

clarifications is not often provided as an express Proponent “IR” submission, these types of requests are often raised by the Proponent in their response to IRs received from Intervenor and other interested parties. As a result, in practice these types of Proponent requests are most often addressed by discussions amongst the parties during the technical review stage of the assessment.

RECONSIDERATION PROCESS: NEXT STEPS

Accordingly, the Board has determined that it is not necessary to add a second IR stage to the timelines and process, and rather encourages the parties to whom Baffinland’s requests were directed to engage with Baffinland to discuss their requests and to provide the Board with any responses, updates, and/or outcomes arising from Baffinland’s requests in their technical review submissions which are to be filed with the Board **on or before October 31, 2024**.

With respect to the requests directed to the NIRB specifically, the Board will circulate a reply to the distribution list **on or before October 7, 2024**.

CONCLUSION

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence or the next steps in relation to the Board’s reconsideration of the SOP2, please contact the undersigned at tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Megan Lord-Hoyle, Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.
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