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**Subject: QIA Information Requests Response on Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Sustaining Operations 2 Proposal**

Dear Keith Morrison, Kelli Gillard,

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is pleased to submit its response to the Government of Nunavut's (GN) Information Request addressed to QIA (IR) and regarding Sustaining Operations Proposal 2 (SOP2) filed by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or the Proponent) to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (the NIRB or the Board) as requested by the Board in its correspondence dated September 26, 2024. The IR response is included in Appendix A of this correspondence. QIA understands that any other IRs addressed to QIA are to be responded on or before October 31, 2024.

In addition, as per the NIRB's instruction on September 20, 2024, QIA would like to request that the option of virtual participation is available throughout the Board's proceedings of the Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable, and Pre-Hearing Conference to accommodate the participation of some of QIA's technical team members. QIA would also like to assure the NIRB of in-person participation of QIA representatives all throughout the November 2024 meetings.

QIA looks forward to further participation in this important process. Please do not hesitate to contact QIA in case of any questions.



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## Appendix A

<b>IR Source and Number</b>	GN IR # 09
<b>Subject:</b>	Zone-of-Influence Estimation from the North Baffin Caribou Study
<b>Reference:</b>	Mary River Project – Sustaining Operations Proposal 2, Section 2.5, Evaluation of Alternatives
<b>Issue/Concern:</b>	Based on the GN’s review of the IS Addendum, the GN notes missing details regarding the IQ-based study of North Baffin caribou. Given the importance of this study in revising caribou mitigation measures for the Project, more information on study design, methodology and schedule is required to facilitate the GN’s fulsome review of the IS Addendum.
<b>Information Request:</b>	<p>The GN requests/recommends the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The QIA provide details of the study design, methodology, and schedule.</li> <li>2) The QIA indicate whether these findings will be implemented during the life of the SOP2 Project.</li> <li>3) The QIA, if applicable, provide examples from the literature or other sources where similar studies may have been done before.</li> </ol>
<b>QIA Response</b>	QIA and technical support are still completing the North Baffin Caribou Study. These details will be shared within the report once complete.