



October 3, 2024

Kaviq Kaluraq, Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0CO

The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
25 Eddy St
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H4

Re: Notice of Request to Suspend NIRB Review of the Sustaining Operations Proposal 2

Dear Madam Chair and Minister Vandal,

Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (**Baffinland**) is writing to inform the Nunavut Impact Review Board (**NIRB**) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (**CIRNAC**) that it is requesting a suspension of the NIRB's review of the Sustaining Operations Proposal 2 (**SOP2**), in accordance with Section 143 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (**NuPPAA**).

Baffinland will advise the NIRB in due course when it wishes to resume the SOP2 review and anticipates that at that time, the NIRB will issue an updated process map which provides for the outstanding procedural steps (i.e., response to Baffinland information requests, technical comments, technical meeting, community roundtable(s), final written submissions, public hearing).

In the interim, any questions about the Mary River Project should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Megan Lord-Hoyle
Vice President, Sustainable Development
Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

cc.

Dionne Filiatraut, Executive Director, Nunavut Impact Review Board

Olayuk Akesuk, President, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Aluki Kotierk, President, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

P.J. Akeeagok, Premier, Government of Nunavut

Jimi Onalik, President, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Spencer Dewar, A/Regional Director General, Nunavut, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs
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