



**NIRB File No.: 17UN012**

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**Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request # 1 for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Mary River 2017 Winter Sealift" Project Proposal**

Dear Wayne McPhee:

On January 26, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) "Mary River 2017 Winter Sealift" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and section 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **17UN012** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

Documents and materials received by the NIRB in support this project proposal include:

- *NPC Screening Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Application and Conformity Questionnaire*
- *Nain Site Visit Final Report*
- *Community Workshops Report*
- *Project Proposal*

The NIRB has undertaken a preliminary completeness check of your project proposal and has found that **additional** information is required for the NIRB to carry out its screening. According to subsection 144(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB is requesting submission of the information as outlined in Appendix A of this correspondence by **February 14, 2017**.

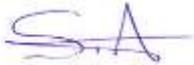
Please be advised that pursuant to paragraph 92(3)(b) of the NuPPAA, the 45-day timeline for the Board to provide a screening decision stops on the date of this letter. This 45-day timeline will start again on the date the NIRB receives the requested additional information. If the proponent fails to submit the requested additional information, the Board may suspend or terminate the assessment activities of the proposed project pursuant to the relevant provisions under section 144 of the NuPPAA. Therefore, it is in Baffinland's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner.

If Baffinland determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please submit all forthcoming project proposal information through the NIRB's online public registry at <http://www.nirb.ca>. For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact NIRB administration at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4603 or [samuno@nirb.ca](mailto:samuno@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request # 1

**Appendix A: Information Request # 1**  
**for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation’s “Mary River 2017 Winter Sealift”**  
**pursuant to Section 144(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act***  
**NIRB File No. 17UN012**

**1. *Topic/Issue: Project Map***

**Reference:** *NIRB Guide 3: Guide to Filing of Project Proposals and Screening Process*

**Rationale:** *The NIRB requires a map of the project proposal (local and regional scale) and related activities to assist in the assessment of the project.*

**Request:** *Submit an electronic map noting the proposed location of project activities in a 1:50,000 format (if available) through the NIRB’s online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).*

**2. *Topic/Issue: Supplemental supporting documentation***

**Reference:** *Requirement of documentation to complete screening assessment*

**Rationale:** *To properly scope and assess proposed projects, the NIRB requires proponents to provide specific information on proposed activities, associated components, and proposed mitigation and monitoring measures related to the proposal.*

**Request:** *Provide supplemental information regarding the following:*

- *Mitigation plans that include the identification of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures during the winter sealift; and where appropriate a discussion on wildlife management, including waste management and spill contingency plans.*