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To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Comment Request for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River Project 2019 Annual Report

Dear Parties:

On May 15, 2020, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) Mary River Project 2019 *Annual Report* as required by the amended Mary River Project Certificate No.005. On June 1, 2020 following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB requested additional information and on June 5, 2020 the NIRB received documents to supplement the 2019 *Annual Report* as well as submission dates for outstanding items required for the report. The 2019 *Annual Report* and supplemental documents are available for review from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/123910.

Within the Documents Tab of the Project Dashboard, the documents can be accessed from the 'Annual Reports' document category or by searching for documents through the main page of the Public Registry using the Document ID numbers 330028-330079.

The 2019 *Annual Report* includes:

Original documents:

- Mary River Project 2019 Annual Report
- Appendices A through G

Additional documentation:

- Up to date copies of all management plans — Submitted June 8, 2020;

- Proposed Early Warning Indicators and timeline for coordination by the Marine Environment Working Group in response to 2018-2019 Board Recommendation #4 — Submitted June 5, 2020;
- Update on planning for the caribou tissue sampling protocol in coordination with the Terrestrial environment Working Group in response to 2018-2019 Board Recommendation # 5 — Submitted June 5, 2020; and
- An update on the expansion of Baffinland's Groundwater Monitoring planned for 2020 in response to the Board's 2018-2019 Recommendation #6 — Submitted June 5, 2020.

As per Section 12.7.3 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, s. 135(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14 (*NuPPAA*), and the amended Mary River Project Certificate; NIRB Project Certificate No. 005, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *2019 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **Monday July 27, 2020** on the following:

1. Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by Baffinland in the 2019 *Annual Report* are valid; and
- b. Any areas of significance requiring further supporting information or any changes to the monitoring program which may be required.

In addition, the NIRB is requesting that regulatory authorities also provide comments and/or information associated with their respective mandate and jurisdiction, with respect to the following:

2. Compliance monitoring

- a. Provide a summary of any compliance monitoring and/or site inspections undertaken in association with the Project, including specifically;
 - i. Identify the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate which have been incorporated into any permits, certificates, licences or other approvals issued for the Project, where applicable;
 - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2019 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
 - iii. A summary of Baffinland's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

Please send all forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's monitoring of the Mary River Project, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4607 or cbarker@nirb.ca; or contact Solomon Amuno at (867) 983- 4603 or samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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