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**Nunavut Impact Review Board
Box 1360
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Re: COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Sirs,

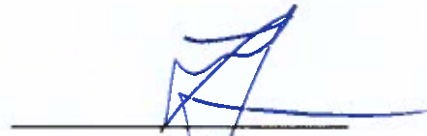
I attended the Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s "Phase 2 Development" Proposal in Iqaluit from 28 September to 01 October, 2020 as a representative of the Hamlet Council of Arctic Bay. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for having made my attendance possible.

Following this page is a statement which I had intended to read as a closing statement to the Board, however due to time constraints and other issues, I did not feel that it was appropriate to do so at that time. However, as this was originally the position of the Hamlet Council of Arctic Bay, I feel that it is important for the Board to have this information.

This statement was read aloud in Inuktitut at the Council meeting of Thursday, 24 September, 2020. Written copies in the language of their choice were given to each Councillor. None of those Councillors present raised any objections to the content of this statement and it was entered into the minutes for that meeting.

Attending the Roundtable meeting in Iqaluit was an extremely educational experience for me and I wish to thank the N.I.R.B. for giving me this opportunity and the whole organization deserves a great deal of appreciation for making all of the arrangements to get the system set up so that people could attend at all of the venues. It was truly a difficult logistical feat to have pulled off this conference in these interesting times.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. F. (Frank) May', written over a horizontal line.

C. F. (Frank) May, C.D.
Councillor
Hamlet of Arctic Bay, Nunavut

Cc: Hon. David Akeeagok, M.L.A.
Mumilaaq Qaqqaq, M.P.
Sen. Dennis Patterson
Hon. Dan Vandal, Minister
Brian Penney, CEO

**Statement to the Community Roundtable
N.I.R.B. Hearings on Baffinland Iron Mine's
Phase 2 Expansion Proposal**

On 13 November, 2019 a public meeting was held at the Community Hall in Arctic Bay to discuss the Phase 2 proposal and mine expansion plans for the Mary River Project. As the five-day technical hearing session in Iqaluit had recently finished, the three community representatives to that meeting reported on what they had observed while in attendance. It was pointed out that none of those representatives could give a clear statement on the position of the community of Arctic Bay because that discussion had never been held. While there had been several open house presentations given by both Baffinland Iron Mines and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, the community had never discussed the issue without the input of outsiders.

The meeting was chaired jointly by the Hamlet Council of Arctic Bay and the Ikajutit H.T.O. About 50 people were present of which approximately 25 residents spoke to the issue. The meeting lasted almost 3 hours.

Of all the members of the public that spoke, only one resident was against the Phase 2 proposal. This resident was against the expansion because he / she had heard that fish were dying along the shores of Milne Inlet and she / he was worried that this was caused by environmental impacts from the mine. All of the other speakers – which included a large number of elders with a very wide range of experience sustenance hunting on the land as well as a experience with underground mining – were cautiously in favour of and supportive of the Phase 2 development.

Almost all speakers expressed a strong desire to see environmental monitoring of the air, water and soil to not only continue but to be increased. There was strong support for environmental monitoring to be carried out and directed by people from Pond Inlet. There was strong support shown for the people that live in Pond Inlet as they will feel the largest part of the negative impacts as well as the largest part of the benefits from this expansion of the mine.

As a result of this public meeting, at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamlet Council of Arctic Bay on 14 November, 2019 a motion was passed unanimously to support the Phase 2 expansion proposal.

On Thursday, 17 September²⁰²⁰ a one-hour radio show was hosted by the Hamlet Council to discuss the Community Roundtable portion of the N.I.R.B. hearings and to gain insight into issues that the community members raised. There were three callers of which only one expressed outright opposition to Phase 2. This person was concerned because he / she had heard that studies had been done showing that the seals of Eclipse Sound have been negatively impacted.

The other two callers did not express opposition to the Phase 2 expansion but were urging caution and further environmental monitoring. One caller specifically suggested that the staging area for shipping be moved at least 80 km. outside the edge of the ice instead of the current 40 km. proposal. The third caller expressed concern that the narwhal migration patterns might be changing especially due to noise created by things like the ships and the pile drivers working in Pond Inlet. Monitoring must try to establish which animals and how many were in the area before the expansion and how many are affected by the different types of noise.

The radio show closed with a reminder that there was still another week before the community representatives left town for the Community Roundtable and that they could be approached at any time if someone had other issues that they wanted to have raised.

In conclusion, the Hamlet Council of Arctic Bay feels that the community is generally supportive of the Phase 2 expansion of the Mary River Project as long as it can be done in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. Up to this point Baffinland Iron Mines have shown themselves to be supportive of our community and we expect this attitude to continue into the future. We have issues created by past traumas, housing shortages, infrastructure needs and transportation bottlenecks which must be addressed and we hope that both the mine and Q.I.A. will use the financial resources created by the Phase 2 expansion to help our community address these issues.



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15 November, 2019

Mr. Brian Penney, C.E.O.

After consideration of the comments and ideas brought forward during a Public Meeting held at the West Side Community Hall on Wednesday, 13 November, 2019 the Hamlet Council of Arctic Bay passed the following motion at the regular Council meeting on 14 November, 2019:

Moved by: Cllr. C. F. (Frank) May
Seconded by: Cllr. Olayuk Naqitarvik

That the Hamlet of Arctic Bay supports the Phase 2 proposal as presented by Baffinland Iron Mines at the N.I.R.B. public hearings in Iqaluit and on other occasions with the condition that environmental monitoring be strictly enforced over the life of the project.

Carried Unanimously. Motion No.: 02-2019-12

Yours Sincerely,

Moses Oyukuluk
Mayor
Hamlet of Arctic Bay, Nunavut

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