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Government of Canada Comments on February 12 *Draft Agenda* for the Extension of the NIRB Public Hearing for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Phase 2 Development" Proposal

Dear Ms. Costello,

Thank you for your letter dated February 12, 2021, providing parties with opportunity to comment on the *Draft Agenda* for the reconvening of the Public Hearing for the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Phase 2 Development" Proposal.

The Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO) offers the following comments on behalf of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Health Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Parks Canada, and Transport Canada.

The Government of Canada (GoC):

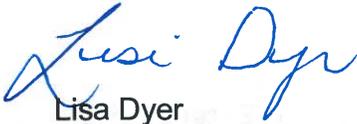
- Supports efforts by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) to ensure that all communities are provided sufficient opportunity to actively participate in the extended Public Hearing;
- Recommends time on the agenda to allow for the reading of written technical questions and responses onto the record, as it was indicated in previous procedural direction. Currently this time is not allotted on the agenda;
- Requests 2 hours of time for Day 1, item 4 of the *Draft Agenda*, and 2 hours of time for Day 2, item 3 of the *Draft Agenda*. The GoC notes that it is listed as a single intervener during the roundtable discussions on both Day 1 and Day 2 of the agenda, which limits the time allotted for all participating departments to pose questions;

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- Recommends that additional time be allocated to the technical sessions, particularly for topics such as the marine environment, socio-economics/food security, and adaptive management, for which complete roundtable discussions have not yet occurred; and
- Requests and recommends that the NIRB consider scheduling April 22-24, 2021 as additional contingency days in case more time is needed to complete the full agenda for the extended Public Hearing.

If you have any questions about the information outlined in this letter, please contact Saba Qazi, Senior Project Manager. She can be reached at saba.qazi@canada.ca or 867-975-3758 at the NPMO office in Iqaluit.

Sincerely,



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