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To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Comment Request for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's 2020 Annual Report for the Mary River Project

Dear Parties:

On May 6, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) *2020 Annual Report (2020 Annual Report)* as required by the amended Mary River Project Certificate No.005. The *2020 Annual Report* and supplemental documents are available for review from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/124703.

Using the aforementioned Project Dashboard, documents can be access from the "Documents Tab" and the 'Annual Reports' document category; the Recent Documents Tab; or by searching for documents through the main page of the Public Registry using the Document ID numbers 335134 through to 335179.

The *2020 Annual Report* includes:

- Mary River Project 2020 Annual Report
 - Popular Summaries in English and Inuktitut
- Appendices A through G

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 *2020*

Annual Report and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **Monday June 24, 2021** on the following:

1. Effects monitoring

- a. Whether the conclusions reached by Baffinland in the 2020 *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 2020 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 Guillaume Daoust at (867) 983- 4609 or gdaoust@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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