



January 10, 2022

Final Written Submission to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) regarding the review of the Baffinland Iron Mine (BIM) Phase 2 application for approval

The Hamlet of Pond Inlet, Mayor and Council have been thoroughly engaged since inception of this Phase 2 application in 2014. Through this process, we have listened intently to the entire community, and represented them at each step of the way, including Baffinland's Inuit knowledge workshops. We have heard many differing views on the plans and changes that will take place to our community as a result of the implementation of Phase 2. We support ALL of the views that have been shared throughout this arduous process. We support the position of the MHTO to share their views throughout the community and with NIRB.

The Hamlet Council is responsible for the well being of all the residents of Pond Inlet. They must decide independently on behalf of the entire population of the community to support Phase 2 based on the economic impacts and long term, committed benefits that Pond Inlet will receive by keeping the mine open through Phase 2.

The commitment made by Baffinland Iron Mines in the establishment of an Adaptive Management Plan - controlled by Inuit, is very important and critical. Inuit, not BIM will have decision making control and BIM's commitment to this management system will ensure maximum input from Inuit into mitigation solutions of any potential adverse environmental effects.

There have been as many as 75 people from Pond Inlet working at one time at the Mary River site. If an economic base is to be established that will ensure future training and employment opportunities, improved quality of life for all families, retention of the young people as residents of our community, and the economic growth from the spin off effects of newfound wealth, this mine must stay open. Pond Inlet will not be able to replace the lost jobs to the residents of Pond Inlet, nor will it replace the economic benefits should this mine close. There are no

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other prospective employers on the horizon that could fill the void that would be created. Approval of Phase 2 and the ongoing successful operation of the Mary River project ensures positive generational impacts to the Hamlet, some of which we have already realized since the early days of operations. For example:

- Since 2015, \$16,046,874 has been paid in wages to residents of Pond Inlet, the peak year being 2019 when almost \$2.9m was paid in a single year. Presently, out of 246 Inuit employees, 46 are from Pond Inlet.
- Direct benefits to date paid to Hamlet of Pond Inlet include \$240,125 disbursements to Pond Inlet Coop due to Charter flight contract signed with Arctic Co-op Ltd. on April 1, 2019.
- Approximately \$1.2 m has been paid to the Pond Inlet Coop as dividends from earnings derived from their interest in Nuna East and Eclipse Camp solutions. These funds are used to enhance the amount of patronage dividends paid to the members of the Co-op annually, thus monetarily benefitting the individual members and their families. With additional requirements in Phase 2 for the services provided by Nuna East and ECS the direct benefit to individual members and their families is only expected to increase.
- A payment of \$400,000 is paid annually to the IIBA Harvester training program. To date \$1,380,000 has been paid to the Hamlet of Pond Inlet for distribution.
- A total of \$590,000 has been paid to the Tasiuqtiit Working Group.
- Over \$512,949 has been supplied to sponsorship and donation requests that included but were not limited to the Mittimatalik Food Bank and the Covid 19 Food relief Fund. Since 2017, \$124,525 has been provided for the school lunch program.
- Baffinland office rent and office payments since 2019 total \$263,850.
- Total value of contracts awarded to Inuit firms based in Pond Inlet in 2021 (to August 2021) total \$15,882.424.



Other direct benefits that are committed by BIM and are dependent on support for and approval of the Phase 2 application are as follows;

- \$10,000,000 Inuit training centre
- \$1,680,000 committed to Tasiuqtiit working group annually at full Phase 2 operation
- \$1,300,000 one-time payment to Mittimatalik Hunters and Trapper Organization for changes in hunting experience that Inuit from Pond Inlet have described
- \$300,000 partnership with Laval University to build a Pond Inlet research centre.
- 40 community- based trainees created in Pond Inlet per year for the first three years
- 8 new community based full time permanent positions created in Pond Inlet
- Community infrastructure to be built including a training centre, community day care centre, Baffinland office and community garage
- The community garage project envisions the training of local people with the skills to provide small engine repairs free of charge to residents of Pond Inlet.

The Hamlet of Pond Inlet has previously offered its public support for the Inuit Certainty Agreement, and we continue to support the greater Inuit control and benefits to Inuit it provides.

On October 30, 2021, the Hamlet of Pond Inlet submitted Motion#10.30,2021 02 to NIRB. The motion referenced several conditions that would need to be met as conditions of a Phase 2 approval.

The Hamlet is encouraged by the quick response submitted to us by the President of Baffinland Iron Mines on November 22, 2021. The content contained in that response was positive and indicates that Baffinland Iron Mines is moving towards

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being recognized as a corporate citizen of our community that wants to accomplish positive improvements to the quality of life of all our citizens.

For all the reasons and rationale listed above The Hamlet of Pond Inlet supports the Phase 2 Project. As well, the Hamlet of Pond Inlet urges that NIRB needs to place emphasis on the input provided by the MHTO. regarding the protection of our wildlife and the environment, during the review process in the development of new and modified terms and conditions in the amended Project Certificate.

Mayor Joshua Arreak

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