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**Re: Invitation to Appoint Community Representative to Participate in the Community Roundtable for the NIRB's Assessment of Baffinland's "Production Increase Proposal Renewal" Project Proposal**

**Appointment Due Date: August 10, 2022**

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Dear Susan Salluviniq:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is holding a Community Roundtable as part of the Board's assessment of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Production Increase Proposal Renewal", a proposed amendment to the approved Mary River Project. **A Community Roundtable will be held in Pond Inlet on August 16, 2022 with audio and/or video feeds to allow designated representatives to participate from their community without travelling.**

**This letter is an invitation for your organization to select:**

**3 designated community representative [1Elder, 1 Woman, 1 Youth]**

**To contribute to the meetings and speak to the Board.**

Members of the community have important knowledge that is critical to the NIRB's impact assessment process as community members provide Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit Qaujimaningit through discussions about the project proposal. **The Community Roundtable will help the Board gain a better understanding of each community's views, perspectives, and knowledge about the prooposal.**

The community representatives do not need to be elected officials or staff persons from your organization and it is encouraged that these individuals be members of the general public in order for the Board to hear the broad perspectives of the community. The NIRB would like to encourage that all demographics including Hamlets, Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Elders, Women,

and Youth be represented at the Community Roundtable through appointments. It is also important that the appointed persons be comfortable speaking and asking questions publicly as well as being able to share their views on behalf of your organization and/or the community. The NIRB is asking other organizations and groups in your community to also appoint representatives to attend the upcoming Community Roundtable and coordination is encouraged to ensure all appointments occur.

**The NIRB does not provide any honoraria payments for community representatives.**

Once the representatives have been selected by your organization, please provide them with all of the information in this letter and submit Appendix B to the NIRB office at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax (867) 983-2594 by **August 10, 2022**:

- 1) Appendix A includes direction on the community representatives' role during the Community Roundtable;
- 2) Appendix B is required to designate the appointed representative; and
- 3) Appendix C contains a description of the proposal.

Thank you in advance for selecting representatives to participate in the Board's assessment and Community Roundtable for the Production Increase Proposal Renewal Project. We look forward to working with your selected representatives at the Community Roundtable.

All information relating to Baffinland's Production Increase Proposal Renewal Project can be accessed online from the NIRB's Public Registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125710](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125710).

If you have any questions about selecting community representatives for this event, please contact the undersigned by email at [staptuna@nirb.ca](mailto:staptuna@nirb.ca) or by calling toll-free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Attachments (3): Appendix A –Community Representative's Role  
Appendix B – Community Representative Information Form  
Appendix C – Project Description

## Appendix A: Community Representative's Role

As a community that may be affected by the proposed project, it is important that the representatives be present for the time allotted to the community. Members of the community have important knowledge that is critical to the NIRB's impact assessment process as community members provide Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit Qaujimaningit through discussions about the project proposal. The Community Roundtable will be structured as follows:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE
Community Hall, Pond Inlet, NU	August 16, 2022	9:00 am – 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Community Roundtable

**\* NOTE: The NIRB may extend timing of any scheduled sessions as required.**

Community representatives will be provided with specific times on August 16 to share comments, questions, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Inuit Qaujimaningit, or concerns with the NIRB at the Community Roundtable. The Board will consider this information when making its recommendations to the federal government regarding the "Production Increase Proposal Renewal". As a representative, you are encouraged to speak with other members of your community or organization prior to attending the Community Roundtable to ensure a broad understanding of the community's perspectives on the proposed project amendment and, at a minimum, provide information on the following questions:

1. How might the environment around my community be affected?
2. How might the environment in my region be affected?
3. How might traditional activities, that either I or my community participate in, be affected or changed with the proposed amendment?
4. What are the potential changes with the proposed amendment to the already approved Mary River Project that I am concerned about?
  - Have my concerns been addressed?
  - If my concerns have not been addressed, what suggestions do I have to address these concerns (including plans or actions to avoid or reduce a negative effect and monitoring plans)?
5. Do I support the proposed amendment? Why or why not?
6. What other questions do I have that have not been answered?
  - Is there additional information that needs to be collected?

## Appendix B: Community Representative Information Form

**Event:** NIRB's Community Roundtable for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Production Increase Proposal Renewal"

**Dates:** August 16, 2022

**Community:** Pond Inlet, NU

**Attendance Option:** audio/video option from your community

**Representative information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:      ☐ Male      ☐ Female

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ *required for providing technical support*

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Community represented: \_\_\_\_\_

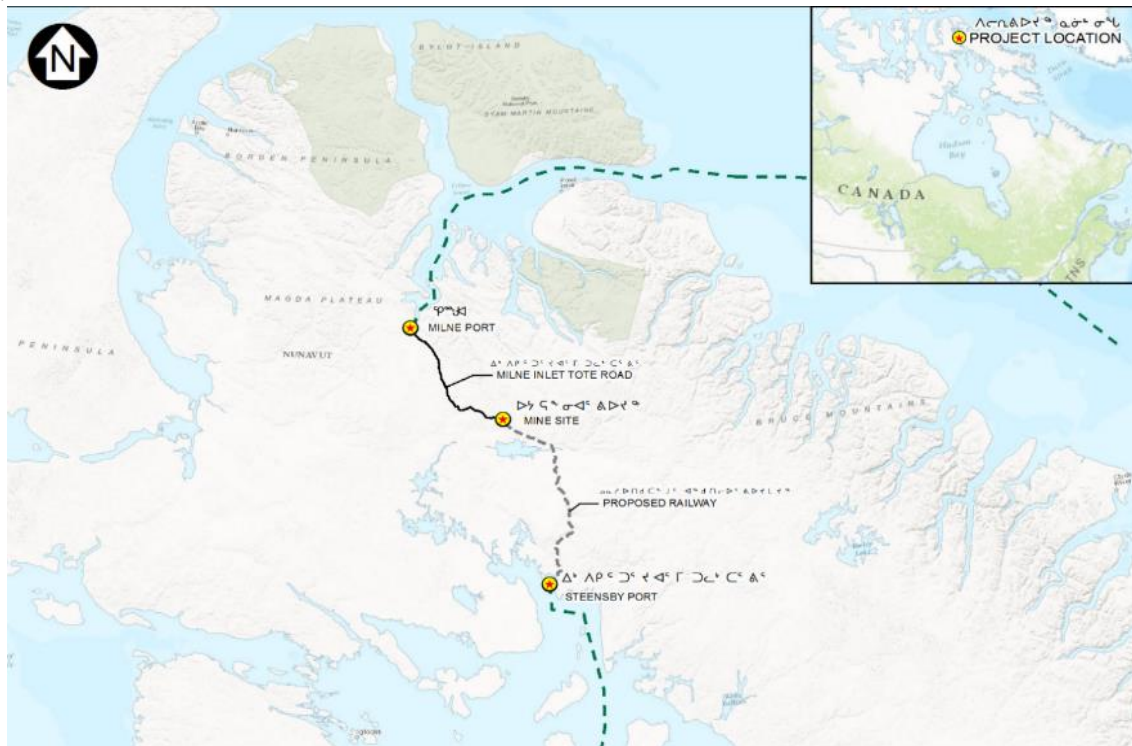
Nominating Agency:   ☐ QIA Elder   ☐ QIA Woman   ☐ QIA Youth   ☐ Hamlet   ☐ HTO

**The Nunavut Impact Review Board CANNOT provide honoraria to participants. It is unethical for an Institution of Public Government, such as the NIRB, to compensate representatives participating in a quasi-judicial process. Any decision to provide honoraria to a participant would be one made by the participants' representing organization, and not by the NIRB.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge understanding that the NIRB cannot provide honoraria payment for my participation in the NIRB's Community Roundtable for Baffinland's "Production Increase Proposal Renewal" Project Proposal

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) is a Canadian mining company operating the Mary River Mine Project (the Project). The Project is an open pit iron ore mine located in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut on northern Baffin Island, approximately 160 km south-southwest of the nearest community of Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik). Baffinland received approval for the Project in 2012. The Approved Project authorizes Baffinland to mine up to 18 Million tonnes per year (mtpa) from Deposit No. 1 and to ship it South, through Steensby Port. Until today, Baffinland has not constructed any infrastructure to operate South. In 2014, Baffinland received approval for an amendment No.1 to the Project, called the Early Revenue Phase (ERP), which allows for the additional extraction, transport and shipment of 4.2 Mtpa along a tote road to Milne Port where the iron ore is then shipped North through Eclipse Sound. The figure below shows the active northern shipping corridor to Milne Port and the approved but not active southern route to Steensby Port.



Since 2018, Baffinland has been shipping 6 Million tonnes through Milne Port with amendments No.2 and No.3, which enable Baffinland to increase its shipping limit from 4.2 mtpa to 6 mtpa until December 31, 2021. The Production Increase Proposal Renewal is requesting approval to continue to produce and transport up to 6 mtpa via truck along the Tote Road representing 118 round trips from the Mine Site to Milne Port. The Proposal also requests to continue shipping of 6 mtpa via 80 ore carriers through the Northern route (Eclipse Sound) during the established shipping season from the end of July to October 2022. The table below shows the transportation differences between the Early Revenue Phase and the Production Increase Proposal Renewal.

	Early Revenue Phase	Production Increase Proposal Renewal
<b>Ore limit per year</b>	4.2 million tonnes	6 million tonnes
<b>Trucking (daily)</b>	76 round trips	118 round trips
<b>Shipping (between July and October)</b>	Up to 58 vessels, round trips	Up to 80 vessels, round trips