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Dear Karen Costello;

Thank you for your correspondence of May 17, 2023 requesting clarification of the postponement of the Mary River Audit Workshop. The Government of Canada appreciates the opportunity to provide clarity to your series of questions on this matter.

Further to this, the Government of Canada, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, and Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation are planning to meet on June 19, 2023 to discuss the independent Project Monitor and the linkages to an Audit Workshop.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada supports the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's June 8, 2023 request for an extension on this matter and respectfully requests that the Nunavut Impact Review Board extend the timeline to June 30, 2023 so the parties can better prepare a fulsome response to the Board's questions.

We look forward to providing our response on this topic soon and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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