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Re: Follow up Report of the Nunavut Impact Review Board regarding the Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework Workshop in relation to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River Project conducted in Iqaluit on February 19-20, 2024

Dear Honourable Dan Vandal:

Please find attached the Report prepared by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) to summarize the discussions and outcomes of the Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework Workshop associated with Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) Mary River Project (Project) conducted by the Nunavut Impact Review Board in Iqaluit on February 19-20, 2024 (the Workshop).

The associated documentation for this activity can be accessed directly via the NIRB's online Public Registry associated with Baffinland's Sustaining Operations Proposal at <https://www.nirb.ca/project/125767>.

This Report provides a brief overview of the written submissions provided in advance of the workshop, summarizes the discussions during the Workshop and proposes a path forward for the development of a cumulative effects assessment framework for the Mary River Project.

Specifically, after due consideration of the feedback provided in advance of, during and after the Workshop, the Board has provided recommendations to improve cumulative effects assessment of the Project and subsequent reconsiderations in the short-term, medium-term, and long-term, as follows:

- 1. Improvements to the assessment of cumulative effects in the SOP2 amendment application:**

