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Sent via email: aglukark@nunavut.ca

Re: Technical Review Comments relevant to the NPC and NIRB Joint Review of the Proposed Transportation Corridor for the Mary River Project Early Revenue Phase proposal

Dear Brian Aglukark:

As you are aware, on August 15, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) invited parties to review Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) Addendum to its Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS Addendum) for its Early Revenue Phase proposal and to submit technical review comments to the NIRB on or before October 15, 2013 (later extended to October 18, 2013). On September 23, 2013 the NIRB issued correspondence which further invited parties to include within their technical comment submissions, insights into whether the requirements of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) Appendix K had been met by Baffinland's FEIS Addendum and NBRLUP application. Specifically, parties were invited to comment on the following aspects of the proposed transportation corridor:

- Acceptability of the corridor width;
- Proposed measures for mitigation of potential adverse impacts; and,
- Likelihood of maximizing access to other resources while minimizing overall footprint.

Within its September 23, 2013 correspondence and as previously discussed with the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) the NIRB indicated that, following receipt of technical review comments, it would forward to the NPC a copy of those comments pertaining to the NIRB and NPC joint review of the transportation corridor associated with Baffinland's Early Revenue Phase proposal and the NIRB's reconsideration of the terms and conditions of Project Certificate [No. 005].

Please be advised that, on or before October 18, 2013 the NIRB received technical review comment submissions from the following parties:

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| ▪ Qikiqtani Inuit Association | ▪ Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada |
| ▪ Government of Nunavut | |

- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Transport Canada
- Parks Canada
- Pond Inlet Hunters and Trappers Organization
- Dr. Zacharias Kunuk and Isuma TV
- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

All technical review comment submissions received are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/08MN053-MARY%20RIVER%20IRON%20MINE/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/04-AMENDMENTS/ERP/04-CONFORMITY%20&%20TECH%20REVIEW/03-TECHNICAL%20REVIEW%20COMMENTS/>.

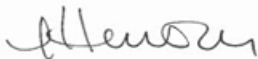
Based upon a cursory review of these comment submissions, the NIRB is pleased to provide the NPC with the following listing of the specific sections within parties' submissions (enclosed) where information pertaining to the requirements of Appendix K of the NBRLUP may be found:

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada submission: *Executive Summary, 1.0 Introduction*
- Parks Canada submission: *5.0 Transportation Corridor Application-NIRB Request for Comments*
- Transport Canada submission: *5.0 Transport Canada Comments on Appendix K – North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan*

The NIRB understands that NPC representatives will be in attendance at the upcoming Technical Meeting in Iqaluit, November 26-28, 2013 and the NIRB has included specific points for discussion during the agenda which are expected to be relevant to the NPC-NIRB joint review process. The NIRB anticipates that parties may have questions regarding the remaining process steps and associated timelines for the NPC's consideration of the transportation corridor applications associated with the Mary River Project and the Early Revenue Phase proposal, and the NIRB will endeavour to ensure that sufficient time is made available for discussion during the meetings as required. The NIRB looks forward to working with the NPC throughout the remainder of this joint review process.

Should you have any questions regarding the NIRB's assessment of the Early Revenue Phase proposal please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4615 or via email at ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Mary River Distribution List

Enclosed (3): Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada technical review comment submission
(*October 18, 2013*)
Parks Canada technical review comment submission (*October 18, 2013*)
Transport Canada technical review comment submission (*October 18, 2013*)