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May 30, 2012

Ms. Amanda Hanson
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Delivered Via Electronic Mail

Dear Ms. Hanson

Re: NIRB/NPC Joint Review - Baffinland Mary River Project NIRB File 08MN053, AANDC N2008T0014, QIA LUA 2008 008, NWB 2AM MRY, DFO 2008 MR

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued a conformity determination on April 30, 2008 for the above noted project proposal that includes provisions in section 3.5.11 and 3.5.12 of Appendix "C" of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP), a copy of which is enclosed, that a joint process to address the prospective transportation corridor is contemplated.

On February 11, 2009, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development directed the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and the NPC to work together to ensure that the outstanding requirements of the NBRLUP sec. 3.5.11 & 3.5.12 are satisfied. On March 2009 the NIRB and the NPC formalized an arrangement to ensure that those provisions are implemented that includes a Review process that is efficient and that satisfies both organizations' mandated responsibilities. In part, the process included the following;

- Mary River Project Development Proposal (March 2008)
- Mary River Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (December 2010)
- Mary River Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (February 2012)
- Responses to the informational requests related to the Mary River project,

After an absence, presence review of the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (BIMC) documents related to the Mary River project, the NPC observes that the provisions of

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section 3.5.11 and 3.5.12 related to BIMC Mary River Project concerning the Joint Review has been satisfied.

The NBRLUP section 3.5.12 specifies that the NPC decide whether an amendment to the NBRLUP, to insert a map illustrating the location of the prospective transportation corridor, be requested to the Minister. This decision will be made once the project certificate has been issued showing the final location of the transportation corridor.

Sincerely,



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