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Dear Ms. Williston, Mr. Curran,

Re: Joint Review of Application to Develop a Corridor, Project Proposal for the Early Revenue Phase (ERP) of the Mary River Project, DFO File NU-07 0050, NIRB File 08MN053 – PC005

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) received a project proposal from Fisheries Oceans Canada on June 24, 2013 for a proposed Early Revenue Phase (ERP) for the Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's Mary River Project. As the ERP proposed physical works and physical activities that had not been considered by the NPC as part of previous project proposals for the Mary River Project, the NPC initiated a conformity review of the ERP in July 2013 and determined on August 13, 2013 that a Public Review is contemplated by the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) section 3.5.12 was required.

The NPC has completed the Public Review of the above noted project proposal, and has determined that an amendment to the NBRLUP to include a transportation corridor is required. By this letter and the decision document enclosed, the NPC will be providing details of the recommendation to amend the NBRLUP to the respective governments in the near future. Once the respective Ministers have approved the amendment, the NPC will perform a final conformity determination for the project proposal noted above.

Yours Truly,

Brian Aglukark,

Director, Implementation

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