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Sent via email: megan.lord-hoyle@baffinland.com

Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's "Mary River Project 2018 Annual Monitoring Report"

Dear Megan Lord-Hoyle:

On March 31, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) *Mary River Project 2018 Annual Monitoring Report* (2018 *Annual Report*) as required by the amended Mary River Project Certificate No. 005.

On April 10, 2019 the NIRB requested that interested parties review the 2018 *Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise on whether the conclusions reached by Baffinland in the 2018 *Annual Report* were valid. Furthermore, parties were requested to comment on Baffinland's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project Certificate.

On or before June 7, 2019 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Health Canada (HC)
- Parks Canada (PC)
- World Wildlife Fund Canada (WWF)

On June 10, 2019 Environment and Climate Change Canada notified the NIRB that it would be submitting comments on June 24, 2019 and the NIRB will be forwarding these comments once they are received.

All comments submissions received by the NIRB relating to 2018 *Annual Report* can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/123910.

Within the *Documents Tab* of the Project Dashboard, the target documents can be accessed from the 'Annual Reports' document category or by searching with the following Document ID numbers 325270, 325306, 325322 through 325327 and 325378.

The NIRB would like to provide Baffinland with an opportunity to address all comments prior to the completion of the *NIRB Annual Monitoring Report for the Mary River Project*, and requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **July 12, 2019**. If Baffinland determines that the time required to provide a written response is significantly greater than four (4) weeks, the Board requests written notification as soon as possible with an anticipated date for submission.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional information on the NIRB's monitoring program for the Mary River Project, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4603 or samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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