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November 21, 2019

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

Re: <u>Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Request for Extension to Reply to Nunavut Tunngavik</u> <u>Inc.'s Nov. 6, 2019 Motion to Adjourn</u>

Dear Megan Lord-Hoyle:

On November 20, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. (Baffinland or Proponent) regarding the NIRB's ongoing assessment of the Phase 2 Development Proposal, a proposed amendment to the approved Mary River Iron Mine (NIRB File No. 08MN053). Baffinland has requested that the NIRB grant an extension to the deadline to respond to the November 6, 2019 motion of Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) to adjourn the NIRB's public hearing proceedings for this assessment by 9-12 months (NTI's Motion). Specifically, Baffinland has requested that it be given an additional week to prepare its response to allow for engagement between the Proponent and community representatives; Baffinland's response would be forthcoming on or before November 29, 2019.

Having met to consider Baffinland's extension request, the Board finds the request is reasonable and recognizes the importance of allowing for Baffinland to engage with community representatives to develop its response. Consequently, the Board is extending the deadline for receipt of Baffinland's written response to NTI's Motion as requested; Baffinland's written response must be provided for the Board's consideration on or before November 29, 2019.

Once the Board has received Baffinland's written response, the Board will close the Motion Record to consider:

- NTI's Motion:
- the oral submissions of all parties received by the Board with respect to NTI's Motion at the in-person Public Hearing; and

• the written submissions of all parties subsequently filed with the Board in response to NTI's Motion.

Following the Board's consideration of NTI's Motion and the associated submissions the NIRB will issue its written decision and any further procedural direction regarding its assessment for the Phase 2 Development Proposal.

Should you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Ryan Barry directly at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Kaviq Kaluraq Chairperson

Nunavut Impact Review Board

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