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Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Request for Comment from Parties on Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s 6Mt/a Extension Request for the Mary River Project

Dear Parties:

On December 6, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or Proponent) requesting the Board consider modifying terms and conditions 179(a) and 179(b) of the Mary River Project Certificate No. 005¹ in parallel to the ongoing assessment of the Phase 2 Development. While the application remained the same as previously submitted to the NIRB for the Production Increase Proposal, Baffinland required continuation of the 6 Million tonnes per year (Mt/a) production rate (6 Mt/a Extension Request) for the Mary River Project until December 31, 2020 while the Board completed the assessment of the Phase 2 Development Proposal. The Minister's previous decision related to these terms and conditions had specifically justified the December 31, 2019 dates as appropriate to allow completion of the NIRB's assessment of the Phase 2 Development proposal, which has now is proceeding into 2020.

Following receipt of the application, on December 16, 2019 the Board issued correspondence determining that it was reasonable to reconsider terms and conditions 179(a) and 179(b) of Mary River Project Certificate No. 005 and provided parties with the process for its reconsideration. In this correspondence, Baffinland was directed to provide specific additional information supporting the extension request by January 6, 2020; the information has been provided and is available on the NIRB's public registry www.nirb.ca/project/123910, document numbers 327591 and 327592.

The NIRB now invites interested parties to provide their comments regarding the 6Mt/a Extension Request on or before February 3, 2020. Comments can be provided to info@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

As noted previously in the Board's direction, once comments are received from parties, Baffinland will be provided an opportunity to respond to parties' comments, followed by the Board making its decision to the Responsible Minister by way of a Reconsideration Report and Reconsiderations.

¹ Public Registry ID: 327657

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the processes and matters discussed above, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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