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## Re: 08MN053 Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. - Mary River Project

Thank you for your letter dated May 2, 2008 regarding the above project proposal screening and request for comments by May 23, 2008.

The NTI Department of Lands and Resources has reviewed the project proposal and we feel that the proposal is sufficiently developed to permit proper screening.

The NTI Department of Lands and Resources recommends that the Nunavut Impact Review Board indicate to the Minister in writing that the proposal requires review under Part 5 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

We feel that a Part 5 review is required as the project may have significant adverse effects on the ecosystem, wildlife habitat or Inuit harvesting activities. The project may have significant adverse socio economic effects on northerners. And the project will cause significant public concern.

We look forward to working with NIRB, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation and others in reviewing the Mary River Project.

Sincerely,

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Director, Department of Lands and Resources