



June 18, 2009

Derek Chubb *And the* Mary River Distribution List
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Via email

RE: The NIRB's Public Scoping Report for the Mary River Project

Dear Derek Chubb and the Mary River Distribution List:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has completed scoping of the Mary River Project (the Project). In addition to soliciting input from government departments, Inuit Organizations, and other interested agencies regarding the *draft* scope of the Project, the NIRB has an obligation to engage members of those communities potentially affected by the Project, and to consider any comments or concerns raised during community consultations.

From March 28th to May 10th, 2009, the NIRB facilitated public scoping meetings, open houses and other presentations in the communities of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Resolute, Grise Fiord, Igloolik, Hall Beach, Coral Harbour, Cape Dorset, Kimmirut, Clyde River and Iqaluit. Those communities were determined by the Board to be potentially impacted by the Project or affected by any potential amendment to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan required by this project proposal.

Please review the attached *Public Scoping Meeting Summary Report for the NIRB's Part 5 Review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River Project*, including meeting notes of comments and concerns raised during visits to the afore noted communities. The summary report and detailed associated appendices can be accessed at the NIRB's FTP site by the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/REVIEWS/CURRENT_REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND_MARY_RIVER/2-REVIEW/03-SCOPING & GUIDELINES/SCOPING/SCOPING REPORT/.

The comments and concerns which were raised during the public scoping meetings and during public commenting periods provide invaluable input to the NIRB's creation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines for the Mary River Project. Comments and concerns will therefore be incorporated into the NIRB's Draft EIS Guidelines for the Mary River Project, to be released shortly. This Report is for information purposes only.

While the Public Scoping Report has been attached for information purposes only at this point, any questions or concerns regarding the NIRB's scoping of the Mary River Project proposal should be directed to the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan, at liwan@nirb.ca, or (867) 983-4606.

Sincerely,



Jeff Rusk

Director, Technical Services

Attachment: *NIRB Public Scoping Meeting Summary Report for the Part 5 Review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River Project (NIRB File No.: 08MN053)*