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Nunavut Planning Commission
Commission d'Aménagement du Nunavut

NIRB File No. 08MN053

September 4, 2009

To: The Mary River Distribution List

Re: **Process Map for the Part 5 Review of Baffinland's Mary River Project with NPC and NWB Coordination Highlighted**

Dear Parties:

On March 16, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) wrote to this Distribution List and announced that arrangements had been formalized to ensure an efficient Part 5 Review process which will satisfy both organizations' requirements for the review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) mining development proposal for the Mary River Project (the Project). A process map was included to illustrate how NIRB and NPC proposed to satisfy the provisions set forth in sections 3.5.11 and 3.5.12 of Appendix C of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan¹ (NBRLUP), regarding the requirement for a joint public review by the NIRB and the NPC which would address the transportation corridor proposed by the Project.

On February 27, 2009 NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) wrote to a Nunavut-Wide Distribution List and released a draft *Framework to Guide a Coordinated NIRB/NWB Process* (Detailed Coordinated Process Framework) for public comment. The objective of this Detailed Coordinated Process Framework is to demonstrate how the NIRB and the NWB will coordinate their efforts to avoid unnecessary duplication in the review and processing of water licence applications for projects undergoing a NIRB Part 5 Review, pursuant to Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Baffinland has also previously indicated its desire for such a coordinated process to be implemented in the review/licensing of the Project.

The NIRB, the NPC and the NWB (collectively "the Boards and the Commission") are pleased to announce that their respective representatives have now had the opportunity to review public comments and revise their arrangements accordingly, to ensure an efficient Part 5 Review process which will satisfy all organizations requirements for this file. A process map has been provided in the attached **Appendix A**, illustrating the proposed interactions between the Boards and the Commission at each step in the review/licensing process for this file. A detailed description of the process to be followed for the NIRB/NPC joint review, and a revised Detailed Coordinated Process Framework which describes the coordination between the NIRB and the NWB, are provided as **Appendix B** and **Appendix C**, respectively.

The Boards and the Commission would like to express their appreciation for the input provided to date by all interested parties on our efforts to realize efficiencies in Nunavut's regulatory process and ensure a coordinated and timely review of the Project. All parties are reminded that there will be additional

¹ The area covered by the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan encompasses the communities of Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet and Clyde River.

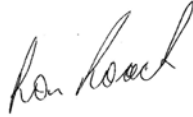
opportunity for discussion of the coordinated processes at the upcoming guideline development workshop for the Project, scheduled for September 29-30, 2009 at Nova Inn in Iqaluit.

Sincerely,



Lucassie Arragutainaq
NIRB Chairperson

and



Ron Roach
NPC Chairperson

and



Thomas Kabloona
NWB Chairperson

cc: Derek Chubb – Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.

Attachments: Appendix A –Process Map for the Part 5 Review for the Mary River Project
Appendix B – Detailed Description of the NIRB/NPC Joint Review Process
Appendix C – NIRB/NWB Detailed Coordinated Process Framework

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