



December 18, 2009

Ms. S. Autut
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Via email: sautut@nirb.ca

Re: **Receipt of letter of Transmittal for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Part 5 Review of the Mary River Project**

Dear Ms. Autut

Thank you for the letter of transmittal and copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines: NIRB File No. 08MN053 dated November 16, 2009.

Baffinland staff and our consulting team are currently reviewing the Final EIS Guidelines to evaluate the work requirements prior to the submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. During the review we will be consulting with you and your staff in order to achieve a shared understanding on the expectations necessary to satisfactorily address the provisions outlined in the Guidelines.

As we previously discussed, Messrs. R. Cooper and D. Chubb have recently left the Company to pursue other interests. Baffinland has added Mr. Greg Missal, Vice President Corporate Affairs and myself, Vice President Sustainability to the Management Team. Both Greg and I look forward to build on the excellent relationship fostered by our predecessors. Other organization changes you may be interested in is that Mr. Michael Zurowski assumes responsibility for the Mary River operations and Mr. Matthew Pickard is assigned the responsibility for coordinating and managing the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement.

Therefore we request your support and understanding as the new members of the team become familiar with the content of the Final Guidelines. As soon as we have completed our review, we will apprise you of the expected submission date for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We also acknowledge the list provided in your letter for "hard copies" of the Draft EIS and the supplement request from Mr. M. Dahl, Ocean Disposal Specialist, Environment Canada dated December 3, 2009

Should you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Mr. Matthew Pickard at email: matthew.pickard@baffinland.com.

I look forward to working with you, your staff and the other participants in the review process.

Sincerely

W. A. Napier
Vice President Sustainability

Cc. Dionne Filiatrault, NWB
Sharon Ehaloak, NPC
G. A. McCreary, President and CEO
M. Zurowski, Executive Vice President
M. Pickard, Manager, Sustainability
G. G. Missal, Vice President Corporate Affairs
L. Wan, Technical Advisor, NIRB