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Dear Mr. Wan:

RE: Consideration of a New Alternative in the Draft EIS for the Mary River Project

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Habitat Management, would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide input on the consideration of the "Road Haulage Option" being included in the Mary River Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a request submitted by Baffinland Iron Mines (BIM).

As you are aware, DFO is the federal department responsible for developing and implementing policies and programs in support of Canada's scientific, ecological, social and economic interests in oceans and freshwater. DFO would like to provide the following comments on the request within the scope of our mandate and regulatory responsibilities.

DFO is of the opinion that the EIS Guidelines issued by the NIRB provide sufficient guidance for BIM to conduct their analysis of impacts to fish and fish habitat from the "Road Haulage Option" in the Draft EIS. It should be noted that the "Road Haulage Option" increases the use of certain project components beyond what was originally proposed, BIM will need to ensure that this is adequately evaluated in the Draft EIS.

I trust the information provided will be of assistance in the NIRB's consideration of the Mary River Project "Road Haulage Option" inclusion in the Draft EIS. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me directly by telephone at (867) 669-4933, by fax at (867) 669-4940, or by e-mail at nicola.johnson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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