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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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RE: NIRB File No. 08MN053

Dear Mr. Li Wan,

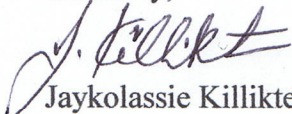
The Hamlet of Pond Inlet has reviewed the document, Guidelines for The Preparation of and Environmental Impact Statement for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River project NIRB File NO. 08MN053 and would like the following information included.

Under section 8.1.13..2 Marine Wildlife and Marine Habitat Impact Assessment, community members thought that it would be pertinent to include information on the potential impact of aquatic acoustics on marine mammals, including all species of whales, seals, fish, and any species that may be affected, or any species that are present in the food chain of all sea wildlife in the area.

There is a considerable population of whales that utilize the area for calving and feeding. These include Narwhals, Bowhead whales, Killer whales, various species of seals, cod, turbot and char. There is a community concern that potential disruption of those habitats due to increased shipping activity, and excessive noise from ships being loaded with ore can occur, and these excessive underwater acoustics may inhibit the marine wildlife from going into the area to feed and calve.

The Hamlet of Pond Inlet would like to see what potential impacts there may be due to these activities in Milne Inlet and what measures will be taken to mitigate any potential negative impacts. Milne Inlet is a sensitive for marine wildlife and the community is concerned over the well being of the area, for sustenance hunter's and community visitors alike who go to the area for hunting and recreational activities.

Sincerely,


Jaykolassie Killiktee,
Mayor

cc: Jayko Allooloo, Hunters and Trappers Organization Pond Inlet
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