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To: Community organizations and members of the public:

Sent via email and fax

Re: Community Information Meetings for the NIRB's Review of the Mary River Project Proposal

Dear Parties:

On February 15, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) accepted a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) for the NIRB's review of the Mary River project (the Project). As part of its ongoing public awareness program, the NIRB will be hosting community information meetings throughout the communities identified as potentially-affected by the proposed project. These community meetings will be organized and facilitated by NIRB staff to meet the following objectives:

- Provide an overview of NIRB's environmental impact assessment process;
- Promote awareness of the review process for the Mary River project proposal;
- Provide follow-up to previous NIRB scoping meetings by discussing the information presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Project;
- Encourage effective public participation in this ongoing review.

The NIRB is endeavouring to carry out these community visits in two rounds:

- Round 1, **April 9-21, 2011**: Igloolik, Hall Beach, Coral Harbour, Cape Dorset, Kimmirut and Iqaluit.
- Round 2, **April 29-May 8, 2011**: Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Resolute and Grise Fiord.

We are hoping to make these meetings a success and would ask for your help to let community members know about the meetings and encourage their attendance. Attached is a public notice we hope you will circulate within your community and post in prominent locations.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Kofi Boa-Antwi at NIRB's toll free number: **1-866-233-3033** or by email: lwan@nirb.ca or kboa-antwi@nirb.ca.

Thank you for your help!

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