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*Via email to: [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca)*

**Re: Information Requests regarding the DEIS review of the Mary River Iron Ore Project.**

Dear Mr. Barry,

On February 15, 2011 Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) requested that interveners submit information requests with respect to the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (DEIS) for Baffinland's Mary River Iron Ore Project.

INAC has completed a preliminary assessment of the information in the DEIS with the intent of analyzing the completeness of the information presented by the Proponent, as per the direction provided by the NIRB.

INAC has identified several areas where detailed analysis, supporting documents and engineering test results required to thoroughly review the conclusions of the DEIS appear to be absent. These are described in the attached information request document. INAC notes that the alternatives assessments are particularly lacking. Further to this, INAC has particular concern that the document under review appears to present the Road Haulage Option presented by Baffinland in Fall of 2010 as the preferred alternative, and that the original project description is not clearly presented in the DEIS as a separate alternative (with associated impact assessments and conclusions). At such a time that the Proponent's preferred alternative becomes clear, INAC and other reviewers may need to revise their requests for information in consequence of this.

INAC also notes a letter dated February 14, 2011 from Baffinland to NIRB confirming their commitment to a coordinated review process between NIRB and the

NWB. The lack of documentation and supporting plans for a Type A water licence application does not at the present time allow for a concurrent NWB –NIRB review as requested by the proponent.

In closing, INAC would like to request that in order to improve efficiency in reviewing such an extensive document, the Proponent provide clearer and more substantial cross-referencing within the document in any future versions.

INAC looks forward to working with the NIRB on the ongoing environmental assessment of this project. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Margaux Brisco at 867-975-4549 or by email at [margaux.brisco@inac.gc.ca](mailto:margaux.brisco@inac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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