

April 15, 2011

Ryan Barry  
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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Dear Mr. Barry,

**Re: Baffinland Response to Information Requests on the Mary River Project DEIS and clarification on the Road Haulage Option**

Please find enclosed our response to the Information Requests as provided in your letter dated March 24, 2011. We have structured our responses to address the Information Requests pursuant to the provisions contained in the Mary River Final Guidelines dated November 16, 2009. Information Requests received by Nunavut Impact review Board (NIRB) since the March 24 letter will be responded by the week of April 25.

On September 10, 2010 Baffinland proposed to NIRB our intention of including “the road haulage alternative” in the Draft EIS. After consulting with the review parties, NIRB issued a letter to the Company on October 19, 2010, stating that if the Company wished to include the road haulage alternative in the Project, NIRB would be required to re-screen the amended proposal and report to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada with its recommendations. In a subsequent letter on November 10, 2010 NIRB provide supplemental guidelines for the Company to consider for the assessment of the road haulage option. NIRB has alerted the Company that prior to the Pre Hearing Conference the road haulage option must be scoped into the Project if the Company wishes to continue to pursue this alternative under the current environmental assessment process. The Draft EIS currently contains a detailed alternative being considered to truck ore to Milne Port and ship via Milne Inlet during the open water season. Taking into consideration the Feasibility study released in January 2011 and the likelihood that the pre-conference hearings currently scheduled for July will likely be delayed if the Company sought incorporating the road haulage alternative into the existing Mary River environmental assessment process, Baffinland has decided not to seek a modification to the Project as part of this NIRB process. As such Baffinland will proceed with a project in line with the originally presented development proposal (sent to NIRB on March 14, 2008).

Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact the undersigned at 416-814-3963.

Kind regards,



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