

NIRB File No.: 08MN053

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Sent Via Email: matthew.pickard@baffinland.com

Re: NIRB Receipt of BIMC IR Response Package

Dear Matthew Pickard:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is now in receipt of an Information Request (IR) Response package submitted by Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. (Baffinland) in support of the NIRB's review of the Mary River project (NIRB File No. 08MN053). In its correspondence to the NIRB, Baffinland has indicated that supplementary materials to the IR Response package are being sent via regular post, and are therefore anticipated to arrive at the Board's office in Cambridge Bay within the next two weeks (*i.e.* by April 29, 2011). All materials received to date are available online from the NIRB's public registry here:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE% 20REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND% 20MARY% 20RIVER/2-REVIEW/06-CONFORMITY% 20TECH% 20REVIEW/03-RESPONSES% 20TO% 20IR/

As previously indicated, on or before April 7, 2011 the following parties have also provided NIRB with their respective indications of anticipated dates for submission of a response to IRs submitted by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA):

- Environment Canada April 21, 2011
- Government of Nunavut, Executive & Intergovernmental Affairs April 27, 2011
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada April 28, 2011
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada April 28, 2011
- Natural Resources Canada April 28, 2011
- Transport Canada May 4, 2011

Please be advised that the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) and NIRB will be issuing a joint response to IRs received from QIA, anticipated for release on April 18, 2011.

Following receipt of Baffinland's complete IR Response package, the NIRB will conduct a preliminary completeness check to ensure adequate information has been provided to facilitate commencement of the remaining 60 day technical review period and tentative scheduling of a Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference for this review. If the NIRB determines that adequate information has been provided, it is anticipated that the technical review period would re-commence on May 5, 2011 to allow for receipt of all anticipated IR Response submissions from the parties indicated above.

Prior to recommencing the technical review period, the Board will provide an update on its coordination with the NWB and the Nunavut Planning Commission for this review, in addition to providing direction to parties regarding the requested format for comment submissions to the NIRB.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4606 or lwan@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mary River Distribution List