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Re: Receipt of Technical Review Comment Submissions for the NIRB's Review of the Mary River Project

Dear Erik Madsen:

In correspondence dated July 5, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) requested comments relating to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC) *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053).

On or before October 5, 2011, the NIRB received technical review comments submissions from the following parties:

- Hamlet of Igloolik (Mayor Quassa)
- Hamlet of Igloolik (S. Leblanc)
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- Nunavut Water Board
- Government of Nunavut
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Canadian Transportation Agency
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Health Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Parks Canada
- Transport Canada
- V. Sahanatien

All technical review comment submissions can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at:

<ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND%20MARY%20RIVER/2-REVIEW/06-CONFORMITY%20TECH%20REVIEW/05-TECH%20REVIEW%20COMMENTS/>

To facilitate discussions at the upcoming Technical Meeting in Iqaluit (October 18-20, 2011), the NIRB requests that BIMC prepare an overview response to the technical review comments received. This response should briefly outline BIMC's understanding of the main issues raised and its proposed plans to address and resolve these issues and related concerns, including a draft list of commitments if possible. The NIRB has budgeted approximately one hour at the beginning of the Technical Meeting for BIMC to present its response to parties, which is intended to focus the following discussion on the most appropriate items. The Board asks that BIMC also provide sufficient hard copies of any related presentation materials for parties in attendance at the meeting (50 copies).

In advance of the Technical Meeting, the NIRB requests that BIMC provide a listing of its planned attendees, with an indication of their area of expertise relative to the agenda items planned for discussion. Recognizing that the NIRB has also recently invited comment on a draft agenda for the Technical Meeting, the Board welcomes suggestions from BIMC on the ordering of discussion items as well. The NIRB requests that BIMC's attendee listing and draft agenda suggestions be submitted to our office via info@nirb.ca, prior to October 14, 2011.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting or other matters pertaining to the NIRB's review of the Mary River project, please contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor, at liwan@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mary River Distribution List