



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

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Sent Via Email: aglukark@nunavut.ca

Re: Receipt of Technical Review Comment Submissions and NIRB/NPC's Joint Review Process for the Mary River Project

Dear Brian Aglukark:

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

On or before October 5, 2011, the NIRB received technical review comment 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 received and pertaining to the Mary River Project can be accessed from the NIRB's online registry at:

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

In accordance with the Joint Review Process¹ for the Mary River Project as set out between the NIRB and the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) in September 2009, the Proponent's Draft EIS submission is to serve as its formal application to the NPC for an amendment to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. The Joint Review Process further directs the NIRB to forward the NPC copies of those technical review comment submissions pertaining to the joint review of the transportation corridor proposed by the Project.

After an initial review, the NIRB would like to bring the following comments submissions to the attention of the NPC for its consideration, as each appears to contain information relevant to the joint review of the transportation corridor:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- Nunavut Water Board
- Government of Nunavut
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

These submissions of technical review comments are available from the NIRB's online registry as referenced above.

The Board looks forward to continued cooperation and coordination with the NPC throughout the joint review of the transportation corridor proposed by the Mary River project.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming Technical Meeting, Pre-Hearing Conferences or other matters pertaining to the NIRB's review of the Mary River project, please contact the undersigned at ahanson@nirb.ca.

¹ As outlined in the "Appendix B – NIRB/NPC Joint Review Process for the Mary River Project" document prepared by the NIRB and NPC (September 2009), available from the NIRB's online registry at:

<ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND%20MARY%20RIVER/2-REVIEW/02-GENERAL%20CORRESPONDENCE/NIRB-NPC%20AGREEMENT/>

