



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

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David Hohnstein
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Sent Via Email: dts@nunavutwaterboard.org

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

Dear David Hohnstein:

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 Detailed Coordinated Process Framework agreement¹ between the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) in September 2009, the NIRB looks forward to working with the NWB and other parties present at the upcoming Technical Meeting to delineate those environmental assessment issues to be addressed in the Proponent's Final EIS from regulatory issues that are to be addressed in the Type A water license application.

The Board looks forward to continued cooperation and coordination with the NWB throughout the remaining stages of the current review of the Mary River project.

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

Sincerely,

Amanda Hanson
Director, Technical Services
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Cc: Mary River Distribution List

¹ As outlined in the "Coordinated Process Framework for NIRB Part 5 Reviews and NWB Licensing" document prepared by the NIRB and NWB (September 2009), available from the NIRB's online registry at: <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/NIRB%20NWB%20COORDINATION/>