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October 21, 2011

To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent Via Email

Re: Draft Commitment List from the Technical Meeting for the NIRB's Review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River project

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) recently held a Technical Meeting in Iqaluit from October 18-20, 2011 in order facilitate discussions between Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or the Proponent) and those parties which had submitted technical review comments to the NIRB and which were pertaining to the Proponent's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The NIRB would like to thank all parties in attendance for the cooperative and communicative approach taken by all during each of the sessions. We are happy to report that the meeting was very effective in resolving outstanding issues as identified in parties' technical review comments submissions provided to the NIRB.

The resolutions achieved during the Technical Meeting have been recorded in the enclosed *draft* Commitment List, provided for parties' consideration.¹ In addition to the NIRB-facilitated Technical Meeting, the NIRB appreciates the diligence shown by the Proponent and those parties who arranged to meet outside of this forum in order to further ensure discussion and resolution of outstanding issues.

At this time, the NIRB requests that those parties in attendance at the Technical Meeting review the enclosed Commitment List and provide any recommended revisions to the specific wording or the content of those commitments pertaining to their agency. In addition, the NIRB requests that any parties which may have met with the Proponent outside of the Technical Meeting submit the outcome of these meetings, and specifically, provide a listing of any commitments made by the Proponent which address concerns raised in technical review comments. It is essential that the Board receive these additional commitments in order that they are added to the official list of commitments which is to be reviewed and agreed to by the Proponent prior to the Pre-Hearing Conference.

¹ The *Draft* Commitment List from the Mary River Technical Meeting is available at: <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/08MN053-BAFFINLAND%20MARY%20RIVER/2-REVIEW/07-TECHNICAL%20MEETING%20%26%20PHC/>

The NIRB requests that parties submit comments on the enclosed *draft* Commitment List and additional commitments to be included in this list to the NIRB's Environmental Administrators at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594 **no later than 3 p.m. MST on Monday, October 24, 2011.**

Again, the NIRB truly appreciates the efforts of all parties during its review of the Mary River Project. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan at (867) 983-4606, or via email at liwan@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: *Draft Commitment List Mary River Technical Meeting (October 21, 2011)*