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Dear Mr. Li Wan:

**Subject: Fisheries and Oceans Canada Information Requests for the Final
Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Mary River Project**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has reviewed the final Environmental Impact Statement for Baffinland Iron Ore Mines Ltd's Mary River Project and submits the following information requests for the Nunavut Impact Review Board's consideration.

As you are aware, DFO is the federal department responsible for developing and implementing policies and programs in support of Canada's scientific, ecological, social and economic interests in oceans and freshwater. The proposed components of the project have the potential to impact many areas that fall within DFO's mandate and as such, DFO elicited the input of numerous internal scientific experts.

The current submission encompasses information gaps that were brought forward by our internal experts in the format requested within the timeline provided. The following information requests have been generated from new information submitted by the Proponent related to changes in the project, information associated with various commitments that DFO feels has not be adequately addressed and new information provided to address commitments for which we feel there is a lack of clarity or understanding.

As some of the commitments appear to be inadequate to address DFO technical comments from our October 5, 2011 submission, DFO is concerned that there will be insufficient time to provide an effective response during this technical review period. As a result, should the information requested or the rationale supporting the need for the identified information not be clear, or should the proponent feel that the requested

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information is in fact addressed in the EIS, the NIRB and the proponent are encouraged to consult with DFO prior to the submission of information request responses in order to seek clarification regarding the request.

Please note, all of the information requests included in the following submission are directed to the proponent. If there are any questions or clarification needed regarding DFO's comments, please contact Derrick Moggy at derrick.moggy@dfo-mpo.gc.ca or by phone at (705) 522-9909

Regards,



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