



**NIRB File No. 08MN053**

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**Re: NIRB Response to World Wildlife Fund – Canada’s Application for Intervenor Status at the Upcoming Final Hearing for Baffinland’s Mary River Project Proposal**

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Dear Martin von Mirbach:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has now reviewed the enclosed Application Form for Intervenor Status submitted to the Board on June 22, 2012 on behalf of World Wildlife Fund – Canada (the Applicant). While we appreciate your interest in participating in the NIRB’s Review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.’s Mary River project proposal, to ensure fairness to all participants, the Board must adhere to the process (including timelines for submitting an application for intervenor status and also timelines for filing written materials in advance of the Hearing) as outlined in the public Notice of Hearing published on May 8, 2012. With the deadlines for both filing completed applications seeking intervenor status for the final hearing and for filing written submissions having elapsed several weeks ago, I regret to advise you that the Board is unable to consider your application for intervention status at this time.

Should you have questions regarding the NIRB’s Review process or the upcoming Final Hearing for the Mary River project, please contact Amanda Hanson, Director of Technical Services at (867) 983-4615 or via email at [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Erik Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation  
Mary River Distribution List

Enclosed: WWF Canada Intervenor Application (June 22, 2012)

**Written submissions must contain the following:**

**1. Executive Summary**

Submissions must contain a non-technical executive summary of the major issues identified during the review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The summary should not exceed two pages.

**2. Table of Contents**

Submissions must contain a table of contents with sections related to the main headings of the NIRB's EIS Guidelines for the Project and identifying the major issues under those headings the party intends to address at the Final Hearing. In addition to addressing the major issues they have identified for the Final Hearing, submissions may also address any other matter the party considers relevant to the NIRB's review of the FEIS and the Project.

**3. Introduction**

Submissions should contain a statement of the party's mandate and relationship to the project, and for parties with regulatory jurisdiction over the Mary River Project a description of the jurisdiction of that party and list of the legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines administered by the party that is applicable to the Mary River project.

**4. Specific Comments**

For each issue included in the submissions, parties should provide the following:

- a) A detailed description of the issue and, where appropriate, a reference to where within the FEIS (document, section and page number) that issue is discussed;
- b) If provided by the Proponent, identify the Proponent's conclusion(s) related to the issue;
- c) A statement regarding the conclusion(s) of the commenting party related to the issue, including reference to the justification/data/rationale supporting that conclusion;
- d) A brief discussion assessing the issue's importance to the impact assessment process; and
- e) Any recommendation(s) to the Board with respect to the disposition of the issue.

**5. Summary of Recommendations**

Finally, submissions must contain a bulleted summary of the recommendations to the Board with respect to:

- whether Parties agree/disagree with the conclusions presented in the FEIS regarding the alternatives assessment, environmental impacts, proposed mitigation, significance of impacts, and monitoring measures – and all evidence supporting the parties' position;
- whether or not conclusions presented in the FEIS are supported by the analysis – and all evidence supporting the parties' position;

- whether appropriate methodology was utilized in the FEIS to develop conclusions – and all evidence supporting the parties’ position;
- an assessment of the quality of the information presented in the FEIS; and
- an assessment of the appropriateness of proposed monitoring measures – and evidence to support the determination, along with any proposed alternative monitoring measures which may be more appropriate (if applicable).

### **Translation/Interpretation Requirements**

The NIRB requires executive summaries be provided in English and be translated into both **Inuktitut** and **French**. Please note that parties are responsible for sourcing this translation.

The Final Hearing will be conducted in Inuktitut and English, using simultaneous interpretation. The NIRB will also ensure that simultaneous interpretation in French is made available upon request.

### **Deadline for filing submissions**

The NIRB reminds parties that the deadline for final written submissions is **May 30, 2012**. The deadline for submissions from registered intervenors is **June 8, 2012**.