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Mr. Jobie Tukkiapik  
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Dear Mr. Tukkiapik:

This is in response to your letter of June 6, 2012, addressed to the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, regarding the Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's Mary River Project.

On behalf of the Makivik Corporation, you requested the Government of Canada's consent for a review by the Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board of the Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's Mary River Project, under the authority of the Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement, section 7.11.1. By copy of this letter, I also respond to the joint Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board, Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission letter of June 6, 2012.

In advance of Minister Duncan taking a decision on your request, I would like to encourage the Makivik Corporation to utilize the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Part 5 review process, including the upcoming hearings, to the fullest potential. I note that the Nunavut Impact Review Board, in its May 11, 2012 letter, identified the following as "key issues" warranting further discussion in the Nunavut Impact Review Board hearing process: the adequacy of marine baseline data; the potential for marine accidents and malfunctions; the potential for a range of shipping impacts; monitoring and mitigation strategies for the marine environment; "transboundary impacts;" and Inuit harvesting. I understand that the Makivik Corporation has been granted intervenor status at these hearings so it will be critical for you to continue to share your views on the Mary River Project with the Nunavut Impact Review Board so that they can be duly considered.

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I would also suggest that you meet directly with officials of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to discuss your concerns. Mr. Robin Aitken, Regional Director General, Nunavut regional office, would be pleased to meet with you at your earliest convenience. Mr. Aitken can be reached by telephone at 867-975-4501, or by email at [Robin.Aitken@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Robin.Aitken@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca).

I trust that this response is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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