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Wayne McPhee Director, Sustainable Development Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation 2275 Upper Middle Road East Oakville, ON L6H 0C3

Sent via email: Wayne.McPhee@baffinland.com

Re: Request for Comments on Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River Project
Certificate [No. 005] – Draft Appendix A

Dear Wayne McPhee:

In accordance with the Mary River Project Certificate No. 005 (the Project Certificate) originally issued by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) on December 28, 2012 and amended on May 28, 2014, the Board has prepared the enclosed draft *Appendix A – Mary River Project Monitoring Program*.

The draft *Appendix A* has been designed to be consistent with the project monitoring framework previously established by the NIRB for mine development projects in the Nunavut Settlement Area. The purpose of this document is to provide clarity and guidance with respect to the NIRB's expectations for project monitoring and reporting by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland), Government, and the Board's Monitoring Officer for the Mary River project.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB invites parties to review *draft Appendix A* and provide any comments or concerns regarding this draft document directly to the NIRB. Interested parties are asked to provide comments relating to their area of expertise and/or mandated responsibilities, or any other matter of interest as may relate to the Mary River project and the proposed monitoring program as outlined in *Appendix A*.

Comments can be submitted to the NIRB on or before **September 22, 2017**. Following the receipt of public comments, it is the Board's intention to issue the final version of *Appendix A* to Baffinland.

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at <u>info@nirb.ca</u>, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

Project Name: Mary River Project

NIRB File No.: 08MN053Application No.: 123910

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification, please feel free to contact the NIRB's Monitoring Officer for the Mary River Project, Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II, at (867) 983-4603 or at samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Director, Technical Services Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Mary River Distribution List

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Enclosure: Draft Appendix A – Mary River Monitoring Program