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To: Mary River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Comment Request for Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Mary River Project 2017 Annual Monitoring Report

Dear Parties:

On April 4, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) *Mary River Project 2017 Annual Monitoring Report*. In accordance with the amended Mary River Project Certificate [No. 005] issued by the NIRB on May 28, 2014, Baffinland is required to report annually to the NIRB on activities undertaken with respect to the Mary River Project.

The *Mary River Project 2017 Annual Monitoring Report* is available for review from 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.: 08MN053
- Application No.: 123910

Within the Documents Tab of the Project Dashboard, the target documents can be accessed from the 'Annual Reports' document category.

As per Section 12.7 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and the Mary River Project Certificate, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. The NIRB requests that interested parties review the *Mary River Project 2017 Annual Monitoring Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by **May 7, 2018** on the following:

- 1) Effects monitoring
 - a. Whether the conclusions reached by Baffinland in the *Mary River Project 2017 Annual Monitoring Report* are valid; and

- b. Any areas of significance requiring further supporting information.

In addition, the NIRB is requesting that authorizing agencies and regulatory authorities also provide comments and/or information associated with their respective mandate and jurisdiction, with respect to the following:

2) Compliance Monitoring

- a. Provide a summary of any compliance monitoring and/or site inspections undertaken in association with the Project, including specifically:
 - i. Identify the terms and conditions from the Project Certificate which have been incorporated into any permits, certificates, licenses or other approvals issued for the Project, where applicable;
 - ii. A summary of any inspections conducted during the 2017 reporting period, and the results of these inspections; and
 - iii. A summary of Baffinland's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project.

Please send all forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to 867-983-2594 by **May 7, 2018**.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on this or other matters related to the NIRB's monitoring of the Mary River Project, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4603 or by email at samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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