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Sent via email, fax and regular mail

Re: Notice of Upcoming Community Information Session and Invitation to Provide Final Written Submissions Regarding the NIRB's Assessment of Baffinland's "Production Increase Proposal"

Dear Sirs:

As you are no doubt aware, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) has recently submitted a proposal for changes to the approved Mary River Iron Mine for consideration by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). Baffinland is proposing an increase to the amounts of iron ore that can be trucked from the mine site at Mary River via the Milne Inlet Tote Road and shipped from the Milne Inlet Port annually. The proposal also includes addition of a 15 ML diesel fuel tank to the existing Fuel Storage Facility at Milne Port and the installation of a new 380-person accommodations camp at the Milne Inlet Port. The NIRB has determined that Baffinland's "Production Increase, Fuel Storage and Milne Port Accommodations Modification Proposal" (Production Increase Proposal), requires assessment through a formal reconsideration of the terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 005 for the Mary River Iron Mine, which currently limit the allowable levels of road traffic and marine vessel traffic to transport iron ore.

Having recently accepted a Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum from Baffinland in support of the Production Increase Proposal, the NIRB has initiated a public review of the documents with a request for final written submissions to be provided for the Board's consideration by **July 26, 2018**.

As part of its assessment, the NIRB is scheduling a community information session at the Atakaalik Community Hall in Pond Inlet on **July 12, 2018**, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. This public meeting will provide information regarding the scope of the Production Increase Proposal and its potential ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts, and will assist the Board in understanding what people think about the proposed changes, their questions, comments and concerns.

In providing limited advance notice of this information session and setting the timelines for this assessment, the Board has been mindful that due to seasonal shipping constraints, Baffinland has indicated that a decision as to whether or not the Production Increase Proposal can be approved to proceed is needed by the end of August, 2018. The Board is also aware that it can be challenging to engage with communities during the short summer season, and has made an effort to coordinate its planned information session with related meetings being held in Pond Inlet July 10-12 by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and Baffinland. Should significant public concern with the Production Increase Proposal be identified by the Board as this assessment progresses, the Board may, upon notice to all parties and subject to procedural fairness requirements, supplement the process as required (including through scheduling of a Public Hearing) to ensure the Board has provided opportunities for public concerns to be noted and considered.

NEXT STEPS

As previously communicated, the next steps in the NIRB's assessment of the Production Increase Proposal include the following:

Date	Process Step
July 10-12, 2018	QIA and Baffinland-led meetings in Pond Inlet
July 12, 2018	NIRB Community Information Session in Pond Inlet
July 26, 2018	Intervenors file final written submissions
August 9, 2018	Baffinland files a final reply to written submissions
August 31, 2018	NIRB issues a Reconsideration Report and Recommendations under s. 112(5) of the <i>NuPPAA</i>

The NIRB respectfully requests your support in promoting attendance at the upcoming community information session in Pond Inlet; we also encourage you to consider providing final written submissions on or before **July 26, 2018** to ensure the views of your respective organizations regarding the Production Increase Proposal can be considered by the NIRB.

Submissions can be provided directly through the NIRB's online public registry system at www.nirb.ca/project/123910, via email to info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification regarding the process for this assessment, please me directly at (867) 983-4608 or via email at rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB Notice of Reconsideration Re Production Increase Proposal (June 27, 2018)