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**Re: NIRB Review Process, BIMC's 2018 Production Increase Application**

This correspondence is intended to provide the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) with an initial response to the NIRB's correspondence of June 27, 2018.<sup>1</sup> QIA thanks the NIRB for issuing direction to parties on how to proceed with a review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC) 2018 Production Increase Application (the Application) as well as the efforts the NIRB has taken to engage with QIA regarding the status of this Application. QIA concurs with the notion that each Application before the NIRB must be reviewed with care and diligence, respecting the circumstance of the application and the tools available to NIRB.

1. QIA has commenced its technical review of the application and is assessing information requirements that may facilitate QIA's complete review. QIA has confirmation that the proponent will respond to any topics QIA requires clarification upon during its review.
2. QIA will travel to Pond Inlet on July 10 and 11, 2018 to hold meetings with the Hamlet, MHTO and Mary River Community Group. This will be QIA's fourth trip to Pond Inlet since March 2018. QIA will file with the NIRB materials relevant to this Application from QIA's work in Pond Inlet.
3. Following meetings in April 2018, in Pond Inlet, QIA and Baffinland began a process to actively address community concerns in relation to the project and the current proposal. This work is ongoing. The results of this work will be reported to the NIRB following confirmations of status with the community of Pond Inlet and commitments by the proponent. QIA views this work as an essential component of its responsibilities and has placed high priority on these actions.
4. Given the NIRB's review process calls for QIA to supply technical comments by July 26, 2018, QIA is informing the NIRB that QIA is working to do so under the following approach:
  - a. Technical comments will be based upon QIA's best effort to review the Application in the time-frame(s) provided.

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