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Sent via email: [megan.lord-hoyle@baffinland.com](mailto:megan.lord-hoyle@baffinland.com)

**Re: Receipt of Updated Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Phase 2 Development" Project Proposal**

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Dear Megan Lord-Hoyle:

On October 5, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an updated Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Addendum submission from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporations (Baffinland; the Proponent) in support of the "Phase 2 Development" project proposal for the Mary River Project, NIRB Project Certificate No. 005. The updated FEIS Addendum is in response to the NIRB's September 14, 2018 determination of non-conformity for the initial FEIS Addendum submitted on August 23, 2018.

The NIRB will commence an internal review of the updated FEIS Addendum to determine whether the submission conforms to the NIRB's EIS Guidelines as issued to the Proponent by the Board on October 6, 2015.<sup>1</sup> The Board's conformity review is a presence or absence analysis of the required information only; it is not meant to evaluate the quality of the information presented, although it may identify significant deficiencies encountered. Note that conformity determination will be based on the updated conformity table accompanying the updated FEIS Addendum, with a focus on the areas of non-conformity previously identified by the NIRB.

If the updated FEIS Addendum submission is found to conform with the NIRB's EIS Guidelines the Board will formally accept the submission and will provide public notice regarding the commencement of a technical review period in accordance with the NIRB's Rules of Procedure. Further information regarding the subsequent steps for the NIRB's assessment of the "Phase 2 Development" proposal and details on NIRB and Nunavut Water Board options for coordinated process will be provided to all parties upon acceptance of the updated FEIS Addendum.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Registry ID: 317361

At this time, the Board anticipates completing the internal conformity review and providing an indication as to the acceptability of Baffinland's Updated FEIS Addendum submission by **October 12, 2018**.

If you have any questions related to the NIRB's assessment of the Phase 2 Development project proposal, please contact the NIRB's Director, Technical Services, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tara Arko", is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

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