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Project Certificate No. 005, Amendment No. 2

Nunavut Impact Review Board Issues Amendment No. 2 to NIRB Project Certificate No. 005 to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation as Directed by Responsible Ministers

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU – October 30, 2018: As directed by the Responsible Federal Ministers in their September 30, 2018 decision, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has issued to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) amendments to Project Certificate No. 005 (Amendment No. 2) that authorize Baffinland to proceed with changes to the previously-approved Mary River Project as requested in Baffinland's "Production Increase, Fuel Storage and Milne Port Accommodations Modification Proposal" (Production Increase Proposal). As recommended by the Board, the following two changes were approved to proceed by the Responsible Ministers without updates to the existing terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 005:

- the addition of a 15 Million litre diesel fuel tank to the existing Fuel Storage Facility at Milne Port; and
- the installation of a new 380-person accommodations camp at Milne Port.

However, as directed by the Responsible Ministers, revisions and additions to Project Certificate No. 005 as included in Amendment No. 2 were required to allow for the time-limited increase to the annual volume of iron ore Baffinland is permitted to produce and transport along the Tote Road and ship via Milne Port from the previously-approved limit of 4.2 Million tonnes per year to 6.0 Million tonnes per year. The terms and conditions #179(a) and #179(b) of Project Certificate No. 005 authorize this increase until 2019. Having acknowledged the NIRB's concerns and uncertainty about the potential for adverse effects on air quality along the Tote Road and effects on the marine environment, marine mammals and Inuit harvesting that may be associated with the increase to ore transport and shipping, the Responsible Ministers also directed that existing term and condition #10 (air emissions) be revised and that additional new terms and conditions #179(c), #183 and #184 be added to the Project Certificate. The revisions in Amendment No. 2 establish mechanisms to audit Baffinland's delivery of benefits in the Region and compliance with environmental management commitments in relation to the Tote Road and marine shipping, and also support verification of monitoring and mitigation efforts related to the potential for effects on marine mammals due to project shipping.

Documentation relevant to Project Certificate No. 005 and Baffinland's Production Increase Proposal are available online from the Board's public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/123910.

Sincerely,

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