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RE: Request for 10-Day Extension for Submission of Information Requests (IRs)

Dear Sir/Madam:

The October 12, 2018, joint correspondence from Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and Nunavut Water Board (NWB) introduced regulatory process steps and proposed timelines for the coordinated review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (BIMC)'s Phase II Development Proposal (Phase II Proposal) for the Mary River Project (MRP).

QIA is responsible to ensure that the Phase II Proposal is presented to impacted communities so their perspectives can be incorporated into QIA's submissions. Over 90 % of the MPR is on Inuit Owned Land, held and managed on behalf of the Inuit of the Qikiqtani region. The Phase II Proposal includes activities with a significant potential impact on affected Inuit, particularly in Pond Inlet. QIA always engages affected communities on activities like the Phase II Proposal. In order to fulfill its responsibilities to Inuit, QIA commits considerable time and resources to engaging its members.

QIA is concerned the timelines may be overly ambitious given the scope of the Phase II Proposal and the engagement necessary for Inuit. It is critical that we participate in the review process diligently, which depends on QIA engaging with Inuit early and throughout the Phase II Proposal review process. This will allow us to understand the community's perspective on the project. While community engagement may not be specifically necessary for the

development of IRs, this perspective will certainly influence nature and extent of the IRs that QIA submits.

In light of this, the proposed deadline of November 13 for submitting Information Requests (IRs) has become a cause of concern. With the current deadline of November 13, two particular factors complicate QIA's ability to fulfill its responsibilities: a request from community elders to restrict activities in Pond Inlet during the week of coroner's inquest; and limited availability of accommodation in Pond Inlet due to both ongoing construction of a small craft harbour and the coroner's inquest. These factors are obviously beyond QIA's control and risk our effective participation on behalf of our Inuit members.

QIA respectfully requests, in consideration of these factors, that the deadline for IRs be extended from November 13, 2018 to November 23, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Joe Kunuk, QIA's Interim Director, Department of Major Projects, by email at <<u>jkunuk@qia.ca</u>>.

Sincerely,

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