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Sent via email: megan.lord-hoyle@baffinland.com

Re: Receipt of Technical Review Comment Submissions for the NIRB's Review of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Phase 2 Development Project" Proposal

Dear Megan Lord-Hoyle:

On October 12, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) initiated the public technical review of the Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) submitted by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or Proponent) for the "Phase 2 Development" project proposal (NIRB File No. 08MN053). Following the receipt of Baffinland's response to initial Information Requests (IR's) received from parties, on December 21, 2018 the NIRB invited interested parties to provide the Board with their technical review comments regarding the FEIS Addendum by February 21, 2019. This deadline was later extended to March 7, 2019 at the request of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

On or before March 7, 2019 the NIRB received technical review comment submissions from the following parties:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Government of Canada:
 - Crown-Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Health Canada
 - Natural Resources Canada
 - Parks Canada
 - Transport Canada

- Oceans North
- World Wildlife Fund

All the technical review comments (Document ID No.'s: 323436, 323459, 323464, 323469 through 323472 and 323474 through 323480) as received by the NIRB can be accessed via the NIRB's public registry: www.nirb.ca/project/123910.

The NIRB would like to offer Baffinland an opportunity to provide an overview response to the technical review comments to facilitate discussions at the upcoming Technical Meeting in Iqaluit (*April 8-10, 2019*) and requests that the response be provided to the NIRB by **Monday March 25, 2019**.

Baffinland's response should briefly outline its understanding of the main issues raised in the technical comments and its proposed plans to address and resolve these issues and related concerns including a draft list of commitments if possible. The draft list of commitments should also include an indication of Baffinland's plans to satisfy any IRs directed to Baffinland where a response was deferred to a later stage in the Review process (i.e., technical review, technical meeting, or the licensing/permitting/authorization phase).

The NIRB has budgeted time at the beginning of the Technical Meeting for Baffinland to present its response to parties' technical review comments with a focus upon outstanding items requiring discussion. The Board request that Baffinland be prepared to provide sufficient printed copies of any related presentation materials, including translated versions in Inuktitut and French where possible for parties in attendance at the upcoming Technical Meeting.

The NIRB requests that Baffinland provide its response to technical review comments, including a draft list of commitments to the Board via email at info@nrib.ca on or before **March 25, 2019**.

If you have any questions or require further clarification related to the NIRB's Review process for the Phase 2 Development project proposal, please contact the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 or samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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