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

**Re: Response to Request for Additional Engagement and Extension of Comment Period
NIRB Draft Rules of Procedure and Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines**

Dear Megan Lord-Hoyle:

Thank you for the March 15, 2019 correspondence provided on behalf of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) in response to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) December 6, 2018 request for comments on the drafts of the Board's *Draft* Rules of Procedure (ROPs) and *Draft* Standard Impact Statement Guidelines (IS Guidelines). The Board notes that the comments provided were preliminary only, as Baffinland requested that the comment period be extended to April 30, 2019 to accommodate additional engagement with the mining industry prior to Baffinland submitting written comments. As requested in your correspondence, the Board will be providing an opportunity at the upcoming Nunavut Mining Symposium (NMS) for Baffinland and other mining industry representatives to meet with the NIRB's staff for more in-depth discussions regarding the drafts of the ROPs and IS Guidelines. The session will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 between 10:30 am to 12:00 pm (EDT) at the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Chamber of Mines' office adjacent to the primary NMS Venue, the Frobisher Inn. The Board encourages Baffinland to attend and to provide as much detailed feedback to the Board as possible at that time.

The NIRB is also scheduled to deliver a presentation during the NMS that provides an overview of the comments received to date and the future opportunities for engagement and comment in the coming months; the NIRB's presentation will be provided during the Regulatory Session of the NMS on April 3 from 8:30 am - 10:00 am (EDT) at the Astro 2 Theatre, Frobisher Inn. Although the Board will not be formally extending the original March 15, 2019 comment deadline, we welcome the opportunity to receive Baffinland's comments during the upcoming directed engagement sessions at the NMS or in future engagement sessions during April and May. The Board also wants to assure Baffinland that given the comments received during the first comment

period, the NIRB also intends to schedule second 60-day opportunity for comments on revised drafts of the ROPs and IS Guidelines, once prepared.

The NIRB looks forward to Baffinland providing feedback on these important documents during the upcoming engagement sessions and your ongoing support of this initiative. If you have any questions in advance of the NMS, please contact me directly at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ryan Barry
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cc: Grant Goddard, Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.
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Terry Dobbin, NWT/NU Chamber of Mines