



August 12, 2021

Karen Costello
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0

Re: Procedural Direction for the Resumption of the Extended Public Hearing for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Phase 2 Development Proposal - NIRB File No.: 08MN053

Dear Ms. Costello,

Thank you for your letter of July 30, 2021 confirming the resumption of the Phase 2 public hearings from November 1-6, 2021.

In the interest of ensuring the Community Roundtable sessions can commence as soon as possible in the Agenda of the resumed extended Public Hearing, the Board has requested that Baffinland consider whether it is possible to reduce the time on the Agenda currently set aside for Baffinland's questions and follow up with Registered Intervenors by providing their questions and follow up to the Registered Intervenors in written format in advance of the resumed extended Public Hearing in November.

Baffinland recognizes the importance of the Community Roundtable, and is looking forward to a further opportunity to present to the communities and the NIRB on the Phase 2 Project, answer the Boards and community questions and hear directly from the community representatives. In order to support maximizing the opportunity for community participation as much as possible, Baffinland confirms it is willing to give up its scheduled approximately three (3) hours of time on the oral hearing Agenda set aside for Baffinland's questions and Reply submissions, and instead will complete this procedural step in writing.

Baffinland confirms it will provide any follow up questions and Reply submissions to the Board in writing no later than September 10, 2021. As part of its Reply submission, Baffinland will include specific references to the relevant sections of the transcripts to which it is replying. Baffinland anticipates the Board will provide an opportunity for Intervenors to respond to any further questions in writing and to ask follow up questions in writing on new information filed by Baffinland as part of its Reply in advance of the resumption of the oral hearings. Baffinland would be pleased to respond in writing to any follow up questions posed by Intervenors prior to the resumption of the oral hearings.

Baffinland confirms it will file any follow up comments on the additional materials filed by Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Parks Canada on or before Aug. 30, 2021.

Baffinland continues to emphasize the importance of the timely completion of these long-delayed public hearings for the Phase 2 Development Proposal, and appreciates the commitment of all parties to closing the oral portion of the public hearing on Nov. 6, 2021 as scheduled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Lord-Hoyle". The script is cursive and fluid.

Megan Lord-Hoyle
Vice President, Sustainable Development
Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation