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Sent via email: Wayne.McPhee@baffinland.com

Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's "Mary River Project 2016 Annual Monitoring Report"

Dear Wayne McPhee:

On April 4, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's (Baffinland or Proponent) *Mary River Project 2016 Annual Monitoring Report* (the Annual Report). As per section 12.7 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and the amended Mary River Project Certificate [No. 005], the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring as related to the Mary River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN053).

On April 27, 2017 the NIRB requested that interested parties review the Annual Report and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise on whether the conclusions reached by Baffinland in the Annual Report were valid. Furthermore, parties were requested to comment on Baffinland's compliance status with regard to authorizations that have been issued for the Project Certificate. On or before June 15, 2017, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
- World Wildlife Fund Canada (WWF)

All comments submissions received by the NIRB relating to this Annual Report can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Mary River Project
- NIRB File No.: 08MN053
- Application No.: 123910

Within the *Documents Tab* of the Project Dashboard, the target documents can be accessed from the 'Annual Reports' document category.

The NIRB would like to provide Baffinland with an opportunity to address these comments prior to the completion of the *Monitoring Officer Report*, and requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **July 14, 2017**. If Baffinland determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than three (3) weeks, the Board requests written notification as soon as possible with an anticipated date for submission.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional information on the NIRB's monitoring program for the Mary River Project, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4603 or samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary River Distribution List
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