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Dear Mr. Howell, Ms. Beaulieu and Mr. Audla,

Re: INAC # N2006C0036, NWB # 2BE-MRY, QIA # Q05L2C14- Mary River Project, Study of Port location and possible transportation corridor. Renewal and Amendment

The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP), subject to the attached conformity requirements.

The NBRLUP has specific terms in regards to a development of a transportation corridor where a request for amendment to the NBRLUP must be requested;

*s3.5.11 - All parties wishing to develop a transportation and/or a communications corridor shall submit to the NPC a detailed application for amendment. This application must include an assessment of alternative routes.*

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*plus the cumulative effects of the preferred route. It shall provide reasonable options for other identifiable transportation and utility facilities.*

*S3.5.12 – The NPC, and either NIRB or a panel acting under 12.4.7 of the NLCA, shall publicly review the proposed corridor to determine whether the proposal adequately meets the guidelines set out in Appendices J and K. Once it is determined that a proposal does meet the guidelines, the NPC may request the Ministers to amend the plan to include the new transportation corridor.*

By this letter and additional enclosures, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to NIRB for screening.

Note-This project proposal includes research on options relating to alternative transportation / communications routes. As a proposal to conduct research, it does not constitute a proposal to *develop* a transportation and / or communications corridor. This positive conformity determination for research activities **does not constitute a positive conformity determination with respect to development of a corridor.**

The applicant has undertaken to comply with the attached requirements. The authorizing agencies to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* to implement any of the attached requirements that fall within their respective authorities.

This may be accomplished by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued. My office would be pleased to discuss with these agencies how best to implement these requirements and to review any draft authorizations that the agencies wish to provide for that purpose.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Please notify the NPC immediately if any material change to the project proposal is made before authorizations are issued.

Yours truly,



Ronnie Suluk  
Regional Planner

Attachment

cc. Leslie Payette, NIRB  
Mr. Rod Cooper, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

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**NUNAVUT PLANNING COMMISSION  
APPLICATION TO DETERMINE CONFORMITY  
WITH THE NORTH BAFFIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN**

*All applicants for a project proposal shall comply with the requirements listed below. The relevant sections of the plan are noted in each requirement.*

**GENERAL**

2. **Environmental Protection:** s3.3.11.8: The applicant undertakes to prevent any new occurrences of pollution, garbage and contamination at the site of the development.

☒ Yes

No

3. **Removal of Fuel Drums:** s3.3.11.8: The applicant undertakes to remove all drums safely from the site and dispose of the drums in a safe manner.

☒ Yes

No

4. **New Site Restoration and Clean Up:** s3.3.11.1 and Appendix C, s1: The applicant undertakes to clean up the site and restore the site to its natural condition to the greatest extent possible.

☒ Yes

No

5. **Old Site Restoration and Clean Up:** s3.3.11.2: The applicant undertakes to clean up the site and restore the site to its original condition to the greatest extent possible, including any work required due to the applicant's action prior to this application.

☒ Yes

No

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6. Low-Level Air Flights: Appendix C, s3: Will the applicant avoid all low-level flights?

Yes

No

- i. If not, explain why such flights are or may be absolutely necessary.

Helicopters Moving Drills Fly low.  
Due to the weight of the  
Drill Components.  
All Fixed Wing flights will  
be high-level except when  
landing + takeoff

- ii. If such flights are or may be absolutely necessary, will they avoid disturbance to people and wildlife?

Yes

No

- iii. If not, explain why it is not possible to avoid such disturbance.

9. Polar Bear Denning Areas and Walrus Haul-outs: s3.3.1.8: Will the applicant keep its activities away from any polar bear denning area or walrus haul-out?

Yes

No

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## HERITAGE RESOURCES

10. **Reporting of Archaeological Sites:** s3.3.9.3 and Appendix C, s2 and s8: Will the applicant immediately report the discovery of all suspected archaeological sites to the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (GN)?

Yes

No

11. **Carving Stone Deposits:** Appendix C, s9. Will the applicant report any discoveries of carving stone deposits to the Qikiqtani Inuit Association?

Yes

No

## MARINE AND TERRESTRIAL TRANSPORTATION

21. **Marine and Terrestrial Transportation:** (s 3.5.11 and s 3.5.12): Is this a proposal to develop a transportation and/or communications corridor? (Note: Research on options relating to alternative routes does not in itself constitute a proposal to develop a transportation and / or communications corridor. Further, a positive conformity determination with respect to research activities related to alternative routes and cumulative effects does not constitute a positive conformity determination with respect to development of a corridor.)

Yes

No

If yes, please forward to the NPC a detailed application for an amendment to the *North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan*. This application for amendment must include an assessment of alternative routes, plus the cumulative effects of the preferred route. It shall provide reasonable options for other identifiable transportation and utility facilities.

22. **Code of Good Conduct for Land Users:** Appendix C: The applicant undertakes to adhere to the code of Good Conduct at all times.

Yes

No

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I, Rodney Cooper (name of applicant), certify that the information I have given in this application is true and correct and hereby make the above undertakings which form part of my application for a project proposal within the meaning of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Date: Nov 30/06 Signature of Applicant:

