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Re: Information Regarding Baffinland's Mary River Bulk Sampling Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Cooper:

On January 25, 2007, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's (Baffinland) Mary River Bulk Sampling Program project proposal from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. This project proposal received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission on January 22, 2007.

As you are aware, correspondence dated January 29, 2007 from NIRB requested comments on the separate Geotechnical Drilling Program project proposal.

At this time NIRB is advising you and Parties that the commencement of the Part 4 Screening for the Bulk Sampling Program project proposal will begin after all comments have been received regarding the Geotechnical Drilling Program project proposal. The reason for this is to allow Parties to consider whether the two projects are separate and stand-alone. Therefore it would be prudent to review comments on the first project proposal (Drilling Program) before requesting comments on the second project proposal (Bulk Sampling Program).

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 867-983-4607 or cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca.

Sincerely,

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