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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 outlined in the letter sent to you dated January 29, 2007 regarding the Part 4 Screening of the Geotechnical Program, NIRB stated that a Notice of Part 4 Screening would be forthcoming for the Bulk Sampling Program project proposal.

Although NIRB is of the opinion that the Drilling Program and the Bulk Sampling Program have been developed in such a manner that the activities of one project proposal are separate from the other, NIRB is mindful that Parties have been provided with the opportunity to object to NIRB's decision regarding this matter. Any possible objections to NIRB's decision may affect the outcome of the Drilling Program Part 4 Screening, and subsequently, the Part 4 Screening for the Bulk Sampling Program.

Therefore, NIRB is advising you that it will defer the commencement of the Part 4 Screening of the Bulk Sampling Program until all comments have been received from Parties regarding the Geotechnical Program.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Inglis-McQuay', with a stylized, cursive script.

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