

NOTICE OF INDICATION NIRB FILE NO.: 07CA070

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February 22, 2008

Jeff Holwell Lands Specialist Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Iqaluit, NU

Via email: HolwellJ@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Amendment to Geotechnical and Exploration Program Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Holwell:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Amendment to Geotechnical and Exploration Program Project Proposal in the Baffin Region.

NIRB has assessed this Project Proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4** (a) which states the following:

"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File Number 07CA070, signed on February 22, 2008 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq has been issued to INAC and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

NIRB is aware of INAC's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that INAC send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject Project Proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Li Wan, NIRB's Technical Advisor at 1-866-233-3033 or lwan@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

Sylvia Novoligak

Environmental Administrator

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report

Cc Minister of INAC

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