



**NIRB File No.: 18EN026**  
NPC File No.: 148801

July 10, 2018

Eqe Bay Exploration Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**Re: Opportunity to Review Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Response to Comments Submitted Regarding the "Eqe Bay Exploration Program" project proposal**

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Dear Parties:

On May 9, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) invited interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) to comment on the "Eqe Bay Exploration Program" project proposal. The proposal is to conduct a mineral exploration program at Eqe Bay approximately 90 kilometres (km) southeast of Steensby Port, and 190 km northeast from the communities of Hall Beach and Igloolik. The NIRB requested that parties provide comments to the Board on this proposal by May 30, 2018.

On June 8, 2018 after careful consideration of the comments received, the NIRB provided Baffinland with an opportunity to provide a response to these comments and on July 4, 2018 received Baffinland's response to parties' comments and concerns regarding the Eqe Bay Exploration project proposal. Due to the types of concerns raised during the public consultation period, the NIRB is providing parties with an opportunity to review Baffinland's response to comments including additional materials and provide feedback by **July 20, 2018**.

All documents received and comments provided to the NIRB regarding this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Eqe Bay Exploration Program
- NIRB File No.: 18EN026
- Application No.: 125336

The Proponent's responses included the submission of the following additional materials:

- Draft Eqe Bay Environmental Protection Plan
- Draft Inspection and Monitoring Plan
- Draft Spill Contingency Plan
- Map of Reported Fish Harvest Locations in North Baffin
- Map of Reported Caribou Harvest Locations in North Baffin

- Map of Reported Marine Mammal Harvest Locations in North Baffin
- Map of Reported Waterfowl and Egg Harvest Locations in North Baffin

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Ege Bay Exploration Program
- NIRB File No.: 18EN026
- Application No.: 125336

The Board appreciates the efforts of all parties to ensure a thorough assessment of the proposed "Ege Bay Exploration Program" proposal. If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4603 or [samuno@nirb.ca](mailto:samuno@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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