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**Ms. Marjorie Kaviq Kaluraq**  
**Chairperson**

NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD  
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**RE: Support to Baffinland Iron Mines Phase 2 Project Proposal before the NIRB**  
**NIRB File: 08MN053 – Mary River Project**

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Dear Madame Chair,

We are writing to you today on behalf of Qikiqtaaluk Sana Ltd (“Q-SANA”). Q-SANA is a majority-Inuit owned corporation, registered on the Inuit Firm Registry (maintained by Nunavut Tungavvik Inc.), under certificate number IFR0864 and is also a Designated Inuit Firm recognized as such by the Qikiqtaaluk Inuit Association.

Q-SANA is a general contractor involved in heavy civil and mining works, including blasting, drilling and crushing operations. Q-SANA currently employs Inuit workers within its workforce at the Mary River project and does its best in order to maximize the economic and community benefits for Inuit members, such as offering stable employment coupled with training and learning initiatives.

Q-SANA’s majority Inuit owners are Mr. Simon Merkosak, a resident and an influential businessman of Pond Inlet, and Mr. Titus Allooloo, also a resident of Pond Inlet, past mayor of the hamlet and also past MLA of the North West Territories Legislature (back when Nunavut was part of the North West Territories) for the riding then called Amittuq.

Q-SANA has been a strategic partner of Baffinland Iron Mines for many years now, as the Company has developed the Mary River Project. Q-SANA strongly believes that the Phase 2 Project proposal currently before the Board is critical to the continued and long lasting success of Q-SANA’s strong partnership with Baffinland Iron Mines. Our business relationship and partnership has seen many opportunities for Inuit created and important wealth has been so far generated for the communities and people of the Qikiqtaaluk Region.

Approval of the Phase 2 Proposal will ensure that Q-SANA is able to build further partnerships with Baffinland Iron Mines, creating even greater opportunities for Inuit through career and training opportunities, and continued wealth generation. From working alongside Baffinland Iron Mines, Q-SANA has been able to witness the strong safety and environmental values that form an integral part of Baffinland Iron Mines’ operations and business culture.



On behalf of Inuit who work for Q-SANA, ourselves and our other business partners, we hereby strongly support Baffinland Iron Mines' Phase 2 Project Proposal and encourage the board to recommend this application and project for approval.

We thank you for your attention and consideration given to this letter of support, hoping that the board will allow our business to continue creating opportunities for the Inuit of the Qikiqtaaluk region.

**QIKIQTAAALUK SANA LTD.**

By: Simon Merkosak  
Simon Merkosak, president

By: Titus Alloo  
Titus Alloo, vice-president