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PRESS RELEASE

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MARY RIVER DESIGNATED INUIT FIRM LIST

Iqaluit, NU. August 7th, 2014. The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is announcing the launch of the QIA Mary River Designated Inuit Firm List. The requirement for an Inuit Firm List is an element of the Mary River Project Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement (IIBA).

Pursuant to Article 6.4 and 6.5 of the Mary River Project IIBA, and once confirmed by the Executive Committee of the IIBA, Inuit-owned businesses that are on the QIA Mary River Designated Inuit Firm List will be given priority consideration by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (BIMC) over other businesses when contract opportunities are announced and bids for goods and services are evaluated. Further, businesses in the Qikiqtaaluk Region that are registered on the Inuit Firms List will be given priority over other those from other regions.

In addition, businesses are invited to identify areas where they may benefit from capacity development or other support. This information may be used by QIA to help direct business development opportunities. All Inuit-owned businesses that are or may be interested in providing goods and services to the Mary River Project are encouraged to register for the QIA Mary River Designated Inuit Firm List by completing an application package. In order to be registered, businesses must first be listed on the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Inuit Firm Registry.

More information about the QIA Mary River Project Designated Inuit Firm List and application packages can be obtained at <u>www.qia.ca</u>, at the QIA office, or by contacting the Department of Major Projects at (867) 975-8400.



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∿⊳۹ت Sanikiluaq Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) represents over 14,000 Inuit of the Qikiqtani (Baffin) region in a fair and democratic way. The Qikiqtani region includes 13 communities from Quttiktuq (High Arctic) down to Sanikiluaq (Belcher Island).

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