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NWB File No.: 8BC-MRY----

April 15, 2013

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Re: Request for Comment Period Extension from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association in relation to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation New Type “B” Water Licence Application 8BC-MRY----

Dear Mr. Bathory:

The NWB acknowledges the receipt of your correspondence dated April 12, 2013 with respect to the request by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (the QIA) to extend the comment period with respect to the Type “B” Water Licence Application 8BC-MRY---- by a period of four days. The Board notes that upon receipt of the QIA’s extension request, the NWB circulated the request to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation and placed the document on the NWB’s ftp site at the following coordinates, which can be accessed with the username “public” and password “registry”, without the quotes:

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/8%20MISCELLANEOUS/8B/8BC%20-%20Construction/8BC-MRY----/>

Recognizing that the comment period was set to close today, I have considered, on the Board’s behalf, the extension request over the week end, as well as comments received from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation this morning regarding the extension request. As with all comment extension requests, the Board is mindful of the need for a timely application review process, as well as certainty with respect to deadlines, while recognizing the current capacity challenges

faced by all reviewers and the central contributions of commenting parties in a thorough and inclusive licensing process.

Recognizing this context, and on the basis of the rationale provided by the QIA, coupled with the fact that this extension is only a 4-day extension, the Board has granted the QIA's short extension request. Consequently, the comment period in respect of the Type "B" Licence 8BC-MRY---- has been **extended to 5:00 pm MDT on Friday, April 19, 2013.**

In granting this request, the Board does however recognize that the upcoming week is a very busy time for all parties, including the Board, with everyone preparing for the upcoming NWB Public Hearing in respect of the Type "A" Water Licence. As such, notwithstanding the Board's extension of the comment period, the Board would greatly appreciate if parties that have completed their comments prior to the Friday deadline submit their comments on the Type "B" Water Licence as soon as they are completed rather than waiting until Friday.

Should you have any inquiries on technical matters related to the above, please contact Karen Kharatyan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338, ext. 30 or by email to k.kharatyan@nunavutwaterboard.org or the Director of Technical Services, Dave Hohnstein at (780) 443-4406 or by email to dts@nunavutwaterboard.org. For inquiries on procedural matters and/or information requests, please contact Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing, at (867) 360-6338 or by email to licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Damien Côté,
Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board

Cc: Qikiqtani Distribution
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