



NIRB File No.: EX 204
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Sent via email: phyllis.beaulieu@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to NLCA Schedule 12-1: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's "Mary River Construction Project" Amendment/Renewal to Type B water licence.

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On May 20, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland) "Mary River Construction Project" proposal. Baffinland's application involved a request to amend and renew the Type B water licence in order to support activities at the Milne Inlet site. The Board notes that the current application and related NWB licence are associated with the Mary River project which has been previously reviewed by the NIRB (NIRB File No.08MN053) pursuant to Section 12.5.5 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA). The NIRB has determined that the application in question is exempt from the requirement for screening given that the activities had been previously considered and furthermore, pursuant to item 5 of Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA.

NLCA Schedule 12-1, *Types of Project Proposals Exempt from Screening*:

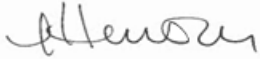
(5) *"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3".*

While this application for works is exempt from the requirement for further assessment by the NIRB and authorizations associated with this proposal may be processed by your office, the NIRB notes that the Project Certificate [No. 005] issued for this project may contain recommendations which are relevant to the Nunavut Water Board, and to the issuance of any further authorizations associated with the project. A copy has been enclosed for your review and can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/08MN053-MARY%20RIVER%20IRON%20MINE/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/140528-08MN053-NIRB%20Project%20Certificate%20No%20005%20Amendment%201-ODTE.pdf>

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at ahanson@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4615.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Eric Madsen, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Jennifer St. Paul Butler, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Jim Millard, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation
Christopher Tickner, Nunavut Planning Commission

Enclosed: NIRB Project Certificate, File No.: 08MN053 (*May 28, 2014*)