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Attention: Ms. Beaulieu

RE: 8BC – MRY - New Type B Water Licence Application – Qikiqtani Region – Mary River Project, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation.

Environment Canada has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding the above-mentioned new water license application. Environment Canada's review focussed on aspects of the project related to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999 and on the pollution prevention provisions of the Fisheries Act.

Environment Canada thanks the Nunavut Water Board for the opportunity review the license application and supporting materials. Environment Canada has no comments at this time however EC should be notified if there are any changes to the project as further review may be necessary.

Please contact Mark Dahl at (204) 983 4815 or <a href="mark.dahl@ec.gc.ca">mark.dahl@ec.gc.ca</a> with any questions or comments.

Regards,

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