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To: Mary River Distribution List

**Re: 2AM-MRY: Update on the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference
Scheduled for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River Project, Type A
Water Licence Application**

As a follow-up the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) December 14, 2012 correspondence regarding the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing conference (TM-PHC) for the Mary River Project Type "A" water licence application, scheduled for January 16 & 17, 2013 in Pond Inlet, Nunavut, the NWB would like to take this opportunity to provide some additional information that may assist interested parties in preparing for the TM-PHC.

1. During the technical meeting, which is scheduled for January 16 and may extend into the morning of January 17, 2013, intervening parties will be required to provide PowerPoint presentations pertaining to their technical review submissions to the Board for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC) Type "A" water licence application. It should be noted that intervening parties are expected to indicate during their presentations whether or not the issues that they have identified have been or will be addressed by BIMC to their satisfaction prior to the Hearing. Intervening parties are requested to provide an executive summary of their interventions complete with Inuktitut translations to be made available at the meeting.

For the community session, scheduled for the evening of January 16, 2013, intervening parties should be prepared to provide a summarized version of their PowerPoint presentations provided during the technical meeting. To ensure that community members have access to the presentations in Inuktitut and English, paper copies of both versions of the presentation should be made available for distribution during the community session.

2. With respect to the Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program Framework (AEMP) that Baffinland submitted to the Board on December 12, 2012 and which the NWB distributed on December 14, 2012, the NWB recognizes that as this document is presented in draft form intervening parties are not expected to provide formal written submissions regarding this document in advance of the upcoming TM-PHC. However, the NWB will

give interested parties the opportunity to comment on and/or ask BIMC questions pertaining to the document during the TM-PHC; and

3. Following the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) recent issuance of the Project Certificate for the Mary River Project, the NWB notes that intervening parties may have identified water-related issues and/or concerns that have arisen in the context of the NIRB's review process and/or following the submission of their technical review comments provided to the NWB in June 2012. Consequently the NWB will be providing an opportunity for interested parties to raise any such relevant additional issues during the TM-PHC and to discuss whether parties anticipate filing additional materials to supplement their review comments previously filed with the NWB.

The NWB would like to take this opportunity to remind interveners and interested persons to provide the Board with the following by **January 8, 2013**:

1. Confirmation of the number and names of the person(s) that will be in attendance and representing the respective intervening parties during the TM-PHC; and
2. Comments on the proposed draft agenda distributed with the NWB's December 14, 2012 correspondence.

Should you have any inquiries on technical matters related to the above, please contact Sean Joseph, Technical Advisor, at (604) 321-8185 or by email to sjoseph@nunavutwaterboard.org , or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services, at (780) 443-4406 or by email to dts@nunavutwaterboard.org. For inquiries on procedural matters and/or request for information, please contact Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing, at 867-360-6338 or by email to licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Regards,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
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Cc: Mary River Distribution