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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

Date: May 6, 2013

To: Mary River Distribution List

Re: 2AM MRY---- Close of the Public Hearing Record in Respect of the Type “A” Water Licence Application by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation for the Mary River Project

Further to the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) Public Hearing associated with the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation’s (BIMC or Applicant) Type “A” Water Licence Application (Application) for the Mary River Project 2AM MRY----, held on April 23-25, 2013, the Board wishes to advise all interested parties that the Board received on Friday, May 3, 2013 written confirmation from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation that a water user compensation agreement has been signed by the QIA and BIMC.

The Board has placed this information on its public registry and access is made available through the NWB’s ftp site using the following link (Username: **public**, Password: **registry**):

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MRY----%20BIMC/2%20ADMIN/4%20HEARINGS/2%20HEARING/>

As I indicated in my closing remarks at the Public Hearing, having received confirmation from the QIA and BIMC that there are no outstanding water user compensation issues, the decision-making Panel for this Application, NWB Panel P4, by way of Panel Motion #: 2013-03-P4-03 has determined that the Public Hearing record for the Nunavut Water Board’s Public Hearing regarding the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation’s Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MRY---- Application for the Mary River Project is now **CLOSED**. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of the Application may be filed with the Board, and the Hearing Record will consist of the documentation filed in advance of the Hearing, the oral evidence and Exhibits filed during the Hearing and the written confirmations filed with the Board on May 3.

Now that the Hearing Record has closed, the Application has been remitted to the Panel who will, in due course¹ issue a decision report to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regarding whether or not to issue the Type A Licence to Baffinland Iron

¹ Typically within 30 days from the date the Application was remitted to the Panel, which is in this case May 6.



In closing, the Board extends our thanks to all the parties, community members and general members of the public who were involved in the Board's processing of this Application, and in particular the Board appreciates the contributions of everyone who attended the Public Hearings in Pond Inlet in April.

Sincerely,

T. Hill

Thomas Kabloona
Chairperson
Nunavut Water Board