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**NWB File No: 2AM-MRY1325/
Short Term Renewal**

March 10, 2025

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**Subject: Licence No: 2AM-MRY1325, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation;
Application for a Short-Term Renewal**

Dear Elisabeth Luther,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges receipt on February 28, 2025, of the Short-Term Renewal Application (STR Application) for type A Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY1325 from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or Applicant).

The STR Application has been placed in the Board's Public Registry and is available through the following link:

<https://public.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MRY1325%20BIMC/1%20APPLICATION/2025%20Short%20Term%20Renewal/>

The STR Application includes a Cover Letter and Application for Water Licence Renewal. The NWB's preliminary review determines that the Application meets the requirements allowing for public distribution in support of an initial technical assessment. Importantly, the Board recognizes that the Application is for a short-term renewal to a maximum of 180 days, of the Licence term **ONLY**, which has been requested primarily to minimize the risk of the Licensee, being without a valid operating licence on June 10, 2025, while a more comprehensive Renewal Application is being processed by the Board.

Reflecting that this STR Application involves a short-term renewal (STR) request not to exceed 180 days, the Board will, and asks reviewers to confine their technical review comments on this Application to the Short-Term Renewal (STR) request, which involves:

- Absolutely no changes to the existing Licence (administrative or otherwise);
- The term of the renewal not to exceed 180 days, with the expiry of the STR occurring on the earlier of December 7, 2025, or on the grant of the renewed water licence requested in the comprehensive Renewal Application;
- No plans, studies, reports, or designs have been submitted in support of the STR as this information has already been provided during the Board's processing of the comprehensive Renewal Application dated June 26, 2024 (the contents of which are outlined below); and
- The assumption that even if the STR is granted, the Renewal Application will continue to be processed by the Board in as timely and efficient a manner as possible.

For the information of all parties, the Renewal Application currently being processed by the Board was received on June 26, 2024. The complete Application along with supporting material is available on the NWB's Public Registry and can be accessed through the link below:

<https://public.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MRY1325%20BIMC/1%20APPLICATION/2025%20Short%20Term%20Renewal/>

The Technical Meeting, Pre-hearing Conference, and associated Community Session component of the NWB's process in consideration of the comprehensive Renewal Application were completed on December 3-4, 2024, and a Decision Report summarizing the outcome of those meetings was issued by the Board on December 19, 2024.

With respect to the STR Application, pursuant to s. 55(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, (the Act), the Board gives Notice, by copy of this letter, of the STR Application received from Baffinland for the short-term renewal of type A Water Licence 2AM-MRY1325.

By this Notice, the Board also invites interested persons or parties to commence their technical review of the STR Application for a period of thirty (30) days and to file their written comments with the Board on or before **April 10, 2025 (4:00 p.m. MST)**. Notice of the STR Application will also be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

All parties are advised that, as the STR Application requests the short-term renewal (not greater than 180 days from the date of expiry of Water Licence 2AM-MRY1325), on the same terms and conditions as the existing licence, this Application is **NOT** subject to a Public Hearing (as permitted by s. 9(1)(b) of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*). All interested parties wishing to

comment on the STR Application must file their comments, in writing, with the NWB on or before **April 10, 2025 (4:00 p.m. MST)**, after which time the Board may make its decision regarding the Application without further notice or additional opportunities to comment. Parties are further advised that the right to compensation for other water users affected by the STR Application may be lost if those users fail to respond and participate in the NWB licensing process as outlined in ss. 59 and 60(2) of the Act.

For any inquiries related to procedural matters, please contact Robert Hunter, Licensing Administrator, by e-mail at licensing@nwb-oen.ca. For inquiries related to technical matters, please contact Abid Jan, Technical Advisor, by email at abid.jan@nwb-oen.ca, or Karén Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services, by email at karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

Karén Kharatyan,
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Cc: Mary River Distribution