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Dear Richard Dwyer, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, Tracey McCaie, Cassel Kapolak, and Megan Lord-Hoyle:

RE: NPC File No: 150396 [Sustaining Operations Proposal]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

- 1. **Mineral exploration and production:** Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) is submitting this renewal application for Type A Water Licence 2AM-MRY-1325 governing its operations at the Mary River Project. Baffinland is applying to the Nunavut Water Board to renew the Licence for an additional 25-year term, which is approximately when Baffinland expects to cease operations and enter the mine closure and reclamation phase. No changes to the current Licence are being proposed by Baffinland.
- 2. **Related NPC File No.:** 148193; 148423, 148801, 148841, 149260, 149434, 149829, and 149960.
- 3. Related NIRB File No.: 08MN053 & 17UN012.
- 4. Related NWB File No.: 2AM-MRY1325.
- 5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Region; [Near the community of Pond Inlet].

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.



The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and conformity determinations were issued on April 30, 2008, August 12, 2011, February 8, 2016, and January 26, 2017, on May 18, 2018, December 16, 2019, June 7, 2022, and February 2, 2023, which still apply. In addition, the activities were previously screened and reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 08MN053, 17UN012, Project Certificate No. 005). The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150396.

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

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