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Re: Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation - Mary River Project: Project Certificate Workshop

Dear Mr. Barry:

On December 5, 2012, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) received a copy of correspondence¹ from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) in which parties were requested to provide the NIRB with feedback on the following so as to assist the NIRB in finalizing the Project Certificate for the Mary River Project:

1. A list of the terms and conditions from the Final Hearing Report² that parties expect to implement through their respective licences, permits or approvals;
2. Terms and conditions which might require clarification prior to the issuance of the project certificate;
3. Conformation from regulatory authorities that they will be represented at the Project Certificate Workshop (PCW) organized by the NIRB for the Mary River Project; and

¹ From R. Barry, Executive Director, NIRB, to Mary River Distribution List, Re: Scheduling of a Project Certificate Workshop for Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.'s Mary River Project, December 18-19, 2012, dated December 5, 2012.

² Nunavut Impact Review Board, Final Hearing Report, Mary River Project, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation, NIRB File No. 08MN053.

4. Indication from prospective participants as to whether English-Inuktitut interpretation will be required during the proceedings.

In response, the NWB has compiled a list, **Appendix A**, of the relevant terms and conditions contained in the NIRBs Final Hearing Report that the NWB believes would have implications for and/or could be implemented under any potential type “A” water licence (Licence) issued by the Board for the Mary River Project. Although the list indicates that the majority of the terms and conditions identified could potentially be implemented under any Licence issued by the Board, the NWB has provided comments on several terms and conditions included on the list.

With respect to the NWB’s participation at the upcoming PCW, the Board is committed to having at least one representative at the PWC. It should be noted that the NWB will not require English-Inuktitut interpretation during the proceedings. Sean Joseph, Technical Advisor, will likely represent the NWB at this workshop. In addition, the Board’s participation would be limited to that of a regulator.

Following the PCW, the NWB looks forward to continued cooperation with the NIRB, where feasible, as the Mary River Project progresses through the pending phases of the NWB’s licensing process.

Should you have any inquiries 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.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Attachments: Appendix A