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File No. 2AM-MRY1325 – Amendment No. 1/G1

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Subject: Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325 – Modification Request

Dear Mr. Amuno:

Further to the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB) April 25, 2017 email in which the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) was requested to unofficially provide a response regarding Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC) proposed expansion of an existing crusher pad at the Mary River Project Mine Site, the NWB is now officially requesting the NIRB's position regarding the same activity or proposal.

As identified in previous emails and/or discussion, BIMC has submitted a modification request to expand the Mine Site crusher pad by approximately 10% and to upgrade the associated water management structure(s) to accommodate the configuration and potential increase in surface water flows.

In accordance with the relevant sub-condition under Part G, Item 1 of the Amended, Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325, issued to the Mary River Project, the NWB requires the NIRB's determination on whether or not the proposed activity is consistent with the relevant NIRB project certificate issued to the project before the NWB's could proceed with its process and eventually issue its determination for the proposed activity.

Consequently, by way of this correspondence; the NWB is requesting that the NIRB officially provide its determination on whether or not BIMC's proposal falls within the scope of the existing

Project Certificate (No. 005), issued by the NIRB to the Project, and does not constitute a new activity that would require additional assessment by the NIRB.

To ensure that the NIRB has easy access to copies of the documents submitted by BIMC in support of its proposal, BIMC's submission, which were unofficially provided to the NIRB previously, are attached for your information.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Sean Joseph, Senior Technical Advisor, by email to sean.joseph@nwb-oen.ca or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services by e-mail to dts@nwb-oen.ca. For procedural inquiries related to this topic, please contact the NWB's Licensing department at 867-360-6338 or by-mail to licensing@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

Attachment – BIMC's 2017 Mine Site Crusher Pad Expansion Cover Letter

Attachment No.1 – Baffinland Detailed Design for Crusher Pad Expansion