

NIRB File No.: 08MN053

NWB File No.: 2AM-MRY1325 - Amendment No. 1/G1

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Sent via email: licensing@nwb-oen.ca; sean.joseph@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325 - Modification Request

Dear Sean Joseph:

On May 16, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) requesting input on modification proposal submitted by Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation's (BIMC) for its "Mary River Project" under the existing Type "A" Water Licence (2AM-MRY1325) to increase the Site Crusher Pad by 10% and adjust surrounding drainage ditches accordingly. The NWB requested 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) and does not constitute a new activity that would require additional assessment by the NIRB. All materials related to this request can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

Project Name: Mary River Project

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The NIRB is of the view that the proposed modifications to the Type "A" Water Licence for the Mary River Project as described in the materials provided to the NIRB do not appear to be in conflict with the existing terms and conditions of the amended Project Certificate No. 005 as issued by the NIRB, nor do they appear to be beyond the scope of the project as assessed and approved by the NIRB. Should significant modifications to the approved Project be contemplated by Baffinland, the proponent is advised that the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act requires such proposals be submitted to the Nunavut Planning Commission for a determination of conformity with any applicable land use plans and/or verification of whether the project is exempt from the requirement for screening by the NIRB.

Should you have any questions or require clarification related to the NIRB's monitoring program for the Mary River Project, please contact Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II and Monitoring Officer, at (867) 983-4603 or samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Solomon Amuno, PhD Technical Advisor II

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Wayne McPhee, Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation

David Hohnstein, Nunavut Water Board

Mary River Distribution List

Enclosures (2): Correspondence from the NWB to the NIRB Regarding Modification Request

Baffinland Letter to the NWB Re 2017 Mine Site Crusher Pad Expansion