



NIRB File No.: 08MN053

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

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Re: Withdrawal of Modification Request – Milne Port Accommodations Camp Upgrade

Dear Todd Burlingame:

On July 19, 2017, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) submitted a Modification Request to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) related to the Type 'A' Water Licence associated with its "Milne Port Accommodations Camp Upgrade" project proposal. On September 20, 2017, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) requested that Baffinland provide additional information to facilitate the required determination by the NIRB regarding whether the components of the Modification Request (specifically the new camp facility, associated water treatment systems, and camp pad) are consistent with the existing terms and conditions of Project Certificate No. 005 for the Mary River Project.

On October 20, 2017, the NIRB received the enclosed correspondence from Baffinland formally requesting a withdrawal of the Modification Request for the Milne Port Accommodations Camp Upgrade, and providing notification of Baffinland's intention to submit a comprehensive Modification Request covering all proposed physical works for the 2018 construction season; this would include the previously submitted scope of activities, as well as improvements to the Tote Road, physical works at the Port, and additional fuel to support construction activities.

This correspondence is intended to acknowledge receipt of the withdrawal request and confirm that the NIRB has terminated its consideration of this matter. Further, the NIRB reminds Baffinland that, as per Subsection 87(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, the Board will be unable to consider or assess activities included within the scope of the Phase 2 proposal for the Mary River Project currently under consideration by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC), until the NPC's process has concluded and a positive determination under the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan has been issued. Any further submissions by Baffinland

regarding proposed modifications to the Mary River project will be expected to clearly demonstrate that the proposed activities are separate and distinct from the scope of work associated with the Phase 2 project proposal.

All materials related to the NIRB's monitoring program for the Mary River Project including the associated modification requests, 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
- NIRB File No.: 08MN053
- Application No.: 123910

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,



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Enclosures (1): Baffinland Response to NIRB Request for Information (October 20, 2017)