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Date January 18, 2018

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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Stance on the Completeness of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Application for the Phase 2 Amendment of the Mary River Project, Water Licence 2AM-MRY1325 – Amendment No. 1

Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

Thank you for your January 15, 2019 invitation to provide a stance on whether enough information has been submitted by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) to the Nunavut Water Board to proceed to a Technical Review for the Phase 2 Amendment Application for the Mary River Project. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined and considered the documents provided in the application and in the subsequent submissions following the Information Request stage.

CIRNAC continues to find the application to be incomplete and proposes that it would be a better use of time and resources to begin the Technical Review at the end of March following the submission of the updated management plans. If the Technical Review does proceed before the updated management plans are submitted, more time will be required between the Technical Meeting and the Final Written Statements for the review of the updated management plans.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-4282 or bridget.campbell@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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