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**Subject: QIA Technical Review Short-Term Renewal Application for Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY1325**

Dear Robert,

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is pleased to submit this correspondence in response to the Nunavut Water Board’s (the NWB or the Board) Notice of Short-Term Renewal (STR) Application for the Mary River Project operated by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or the Applicant).

In its Notice of the STR Application, the Board stated, “(n)o plans, studies, reports, or designs have been submitted in support of the STR as this information has already been provided during the Board’s processing of the comprehensive Renewal Application dated June 26, 2024”. Therefore, to ensure continuity, QIA would like to reiterate that its recommendations with regards to the Renewal Application dated June 26, 2024 as provided to the NWB at its Public Hearing in Pond Inlet on March 11 and 12 still stand.

QIA expresses its support for the issuance of the Short-Term Renewal for Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY1325 to ensure an uninterrupted operation of the Mary River Project while awaiting the decision on the Renewal Application to be provided by the Board and, subsequently, the Minister of Northern Affairs.

QIA would like to thank the NWB for the opportunity to provide feedback on this Application. Please do not hesitate to contact QIA for any clarification.

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