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Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board AANDC reference: IQALUIT-#651556

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Sent via email to licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

Re: Application for Type A Water Licence by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation for the Mary River Project – Final Submission

Dear Ms Beaulieu:

Please accept the attached written submission from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) in response to the Nunavut Water Board pre-hearing conference decision of January 25, 2013, regarding the application for a Type A water licence by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation. This final submission has been prepared pursuant to AANDC mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act* and the *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* to assist in clarifying any outstanding issues in advance of the water licence final hearing.

Sincerely,

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