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2AM-MRY1325 type A Water Licence Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Report

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Good morning,

This is for information of all parties.

The commitment # 13 of the PHC Decision issued on December 19, 2024, was initially agreed upon during the TM/PHC. The QIA advised later that this commitment was not suitable and should be removed; however, Baffinland suggested keeping it with some changes. The existing text for commitment 13 missed to capture those changes. Based on this, the commitment # 13 of the PHC Decision is updated as follows:

There are existing regulatory authorizations (Project Certificate 005 Terms and Conditions and Appendix B Commitments) and bilateral agreements (Mary River IIBA and Water Compensation Agreement) that address the topics raised in QIA technical comments QIA-TR-28 to QIA-TR-38. This includes the integration of IQ into the Mary River Project, waterbodies of heightened importance, updates to Steensby baseline information, the Pond Inlet Freshwater IQ Study, Inuit OITRs, Inuit water rights, Inuit engagement, the Inuit Stewardship Program/Plan and CRLU studies. Many of these initiatives and deliverables are being led directly by QIA.

Baffinland will continue discussions with QIA on these important topics and provide an update on the outcomes of those discussions as relevant to the water licence renewal process at least 3 weeks prior to the NWB Public Hearing.

Please reach out in case of any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Robert Hunter Licensing Administrator

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