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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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**File: 2AM-MRY2540/B15**

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**Subject: Licence No: 2AM-MRY2540 Type A, Mary River Project; Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation; Updated Surface Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Management Plan, Revision 8**

Dear Elisabeth Luther:

On January 9, 2026, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or the Board) received the updated *Surface Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Management Plan, Revision 8*, dated January 8, 2026 (SWAEMP) from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or Licensee), in accordance with Part B, Item 15 of the type A Water Licence 2AM-MRY2540 (Licence). The updates to the SWAEMP are to reflect the proposed changes and relevant commitments made during the Technical Review and Public Hearing of the Water Licence renewal process. On January 12, 2026, the NWB distributed the updated SWAEMP for public review and interested parties were invited to comment by February 9, 2026.

The NWB received submission from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). ECCC recommended *the Proponent modify the SWAEMP (or another plan or program under the water licence) to include water quality criteria used to trigger actions, as well as the action response framework, for monitoring along the Tote Road.*

On February 24, 2026, Baffinland provided their response and noted that they will revise the SWAEMP to include the water quality evaluation criteria/decision rules used under the Tote Road Monitoring Program (TRMP), along with a summary of the TRMP action levels and the associated action-response framework. Baffinland also noted the updated SWAEMP will be submitted with the 2025 Annual Report on March 31, 2026.

On March 3, 2026, ECCC recommended the Proponent update the SWAEMP in time for implementation during the 2026 open water season. The NWB advised Baffinland to submit the updated SWAEMP separately from the Annual Report so that it is ready for implementation during the 2026 open water season. On April 2, 2026, Baffinland submitted the updated *Surface Water and*

*Aquatic Ecosystem Management Plan, Revision 8*, dated March 31, 2026, addressing comments made on previous submission.

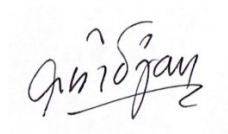
Copies of all documents and submissions received during the review of the updated SWAEMP can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry site using the following Link:

[SWAEMP Revision 8.](#)

By way of this correspondence and as per Part B, Item 15 of the Licence, the Board finds the updated *Surface Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Management Plan, Revision 8*, dated March 31, 2026, submitted by Baffinland acceptable, and the Plan could be implemented immediately.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the NWB Licensing Department by email to [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) or by phone at (867) 360-6338.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abid Jan', is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Cc: Distribution List – Mary River