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# APPENDIX E.3 STREAMFLOW DATA FOR TYPE A WATER LICENCE MONITORING LOCATIONS





### **MEMORANDUM**

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Re: Stream Flow Data for Type A Water Licence Sites

#### 1 - INTRODUCTION

A monitoring requirement of the Type A Water Licence #2AM-MRY1325 issued to Baf finland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) for the Mary River Project is to measure the flow and the water quality of surface discharge at locations established as part of the Surveillance Network Program (SNP). The data collected from these stations will help inform the evaluation of effects to be conducted as part of the Aquatics Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP). The SNP stations at the Milne Port and Mine Site subject to this assessment are summarized in Table 1 and shown on Figure 1 and Figure 2.

Table 1 SNP Surface Water Monitoring Stations

SNP Station	Description	Monitoring Frequency	Source		
MP-C-A					
MP-C-B	Locations where there is surface	During periods of flow and			
MP-C-C	discharge from construction areas at the	During periods of flow and following precipitation	Table 13 of Schedule I of the		
MP-C-D	Milne Port Site	events on a monthly basis	Water Licence		
MP-C-E	Willing Fort Oile	events on a monthly basis			
MP-C-F					
MP-Q1-01	Locations where there is surface	During periods of flow and	Established by Baffinland to monitor downstream water		
MP-Q1-02	discharge from the quarry at the Milne Port Site	following precipitation events on a monthly basis	discharge from the quarry operations		
MS-MRY-09	Surface water drainage from the bulk sample open pit	N.A. and hall and a suit on a common of	Table 14 of Schedule I of the		
MS-MRY-10	Surface water drainage from the bulk sample weathered ore stockpile	Monthly during summer	Water Licence		
MS-MRY-13a	Surface water drainage from the non-hazardous waste landfill	Daily	Table 14 of Schedule I of the		
MS-MRY-13b	Surface water drainage from the non-hazardous waste landfill	Bully	Water Licence		
MQ-C-A	Locations where there is surface	During periods of flow and	Established by Baffinland to		
MQ-C-B	discharge from mine site construction	following precipitation	monitor downstream water		
MQ-C-D	areas downstream of construction areas and/or the QMR2 quarry	events on a monthly basis	discharge from the quarry operations at the mine site		
MS-C-A					
MS-C-B	Locations where there is surface	During periods of flow and			
MS-C-C	discharge from mine site construction	following precipitation	Table 14 of Schedule I of the		
MS-C-D	areas	events on a monthly basis	Water Licence		
MS-C-E	arous	Cvente on a monthly basis			
MS-C-F					



#### 2 - MEASUREMENT OF SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE

Site visits were made to all of the SNP stations during the spring freshet period in June 2014. Hydrometric monitoring stations were installed to measure surface water discharge at or near each of the SNP stations where possible. The measurement techniques used were based on the characteristics of each site. On larger flowing channels, or in streams considered to be fish habitat, the natural channel was used as a control section and discharge was measured using the velocity-area method. In smaller channels, channels without stable flow conditions, and/or without a natural control, it was not possible to establish a reliable relationship between stage and discharge. In these cases, V-notch thin plate weirs were used as flow control structures to provide a reliable means of estimating flow. The V-notch weirs were installed during site visits in J uly 2014. At all of the hydrometric stations, pressure transducers with data loggers were installed to record water level (stage) in a gauge pool upstream of the control section or weir. A relationship was established between stage and discharge at each site and rating curves were developed to produce a long-term flow record from the water level data.

At stations with little or intermittent flow, or unsuitable channel conditions, it will not be practical to obtain a reliable long-term record of flow. The sites where the long-term measurement of flow was not practical are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2 Stations Where Measuring Discharge Was Not Practical** 

SNP Station	Observations	Follow-up
MP-C-A	Measuring surface water flow at these sites on a	The sites were visited on a regular basis
MP-C-D	regular basis was not possible as there was little	and following precipitation events to
MP-C-E	or no flow observed during site visits.	determine if flow was present.
MP-C-F		
MP-C-G		
MS-C-C	Flow was observed at these sites but the	Flow was measured at these sites during
MS-C-D	channels were not conducive to reliable	water quality sampling and is monitored
	long-term monitoring.	on a long-term basis downstream at
		MS-C-E.
MS-MRY-09 Measuring flow at these sites was not possible		The condition of these sites was
MS-MRY-10	as there was no channelized flow present.	assessed during water quality sampling.

#### 2.1 STATIONS WITH NATURAL CHANNEL CONTROL

The stations that utilized natural stream controls are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3 Stations Using Natural Channel Controls** 

SNP Station	Hydrometric Station Type	Data Collected
MQ-C-B	Hydrometric station installed	Discharge and water level measured during weekly
MQ-C-D	using natural channel control	sampling events to establish stage-discharge
MS-C-A	and pressure transducer with	relationship. Data loggers downloaded monthly.
MS-C-B	data logger.	

Suitable locations for hydrometric stations were not found at MS-C-A or MS-C-B due to the poorly defined and rocky channels. A single hydrometric station was installed between MS-C-A and MS-C-B at a location with a good control section (MS-C-A/B). The data from the MS-C-A/B station is considered to be more representative of flows at M S-C-B and is expected to s lightly underestimate flows at MS-C-A, which is located approximately 100 m downstream.



#### 2.2 STATIONS WITH A WEIR

The stations where a V-notch weir was installed to measure flow are shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Stations Using Weirs

SNP Station	Hydrometric Station Type	Data Collected
MP-Q1-01 MP-Q1-02 MP-C-B MS-MRY-13a MS-MRY-13b MQ-C-A MS-C-E	Thin plate V-notch weir flow measurement structures installed Pressure transducer with data logger installed to measure height of water	Manual measurements of water level obtained weekly. Data loggers downloaded monthly

A suitable location for a flow control structure was not found at MS-MRY-13b. The station at MS-MRY-13a is located approximately 120 m upstream of MS-MRY-13b and there are no channelized inputs of flow between the two sites. As such, the flow measured at MS-MRY-13a weir is considered to be reasonably representative of flow at both stations.

At the MP-Q1-01 station, flow was measured for a three day period, after which water began running under the weir and the water level data recorded after this point was not considered reliable. The pattern of flow recorded during the concurrent periods of record at MP-Q1-01 was similar to MP-Q1-02. The flow at MP-Q1-01 was approximately 1.8 times greater than at MP-Q1-02.

#### 3 - DAILY DISCHARGE DATA

Water level data were recorded at each site on 15 minute intervals and daily discharge values were calculated by averaging the 15 minute data on a daily basis. The daily discharge data recorded for June and July are shown in Table 5 and for August and September in Table 6. The daily discharge record is summarized in hydrographs for the Milne Port SNP Stations on Figure 3 and for the Mine Site SNP Station on Figure 4.

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Table 5 Rev 0 SNP Station Daily Average Discharge - June and July

Table 6 Rev 0 SNP Station Daily Average Discharge - August and September

Figure 1 Rev 0 Mine Site Surveillance Network Program (SNP) Figure 2 Rev 0 Milne Port Surveillance Network Program (SNP)

2014 Daily Average Discharge - Milne Port SNP Stations Figure 3 Rev 0

Figure 4 Rev 0 2014 Daily Average Discharge - Mine Site SNP Stations

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#### TABLE 5

## BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION MARY RIVER PROJECT

## SNP STATION DAILY AVERAGE DISCHARGE JUNE AND JULY

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Date		Daily Average Discharge (I/s)								
Date	MP-C-B	MP-Q1-02	MQ-C-A	MQ-C-B	MQ-C-D	MRY-13a	MS-C-AB	MS-C-E	MS-C-D	
25-Jun-14			8.26	29.7	50.0		66.9	20.8	5.2	
26-Jun-14				29.4			75.6			
27-Jun-14				21.1			55.4			
28-Jun-14				19.8			54.7			
29-Jun-14				21.5			64.9			
30-Jun-14				22.7			84.5			
1-Jul-14				20.6			86.8			
2-Jul-14				17.5			80.7			
3-Jul-14				17.3			79.8			
4-Jul-14				15.3			77.7			
5-Jul-14				12.0			67.0			
6-Jul-14				10.6			60.3			
7-Jul-14				10.7			54.4			
8-Jul-14				9.1			48.5			
9-Jul-14				7.1			42.7			
10-Jul-14				6.3			38.0			
11-Jul-14				7.7			34.5			
12-Jul-14				6.3			31.1			
13-Jul-14				4.8			26.1			
14-Jul-14				3.8			21.5			
15-Jul-14				3.7			17.1			
16-Jul-14				3.5			15.2			
17-Jul-14				3.3			13.4			
18-Jul-14				7.6			21.6			
19-Jul-14				31.9			84.0			
20-Jul-14				30.8			159.4			
21-Jul-14				28.0			98.6			
22-Jul-14				23.6			105.8			
23-Jul-14			0.69	15.9			75.7			
24-Jul-14			0.54	12.9			57.0			
25-Jul-14			0.41	10.8			43.7	8.4		
26-Jul-14			0.40	9.8		0.18	34.9	8.5		
27-Jul-14	2.7	0.90	0.35	8.5		0.17	29.0	11.4		
28-Jul-14	2.6	0.83	0.35	7.9	11.9	0.36	24.8	10.5	2.9	
29-Jul-14	2.6	0.75	0.33	6.8	13.3	0.31	22.3	9.9		
30-Jul-14	2.9	0.81	1.18	12.3	23.1	0.24	23.6	14.5		
31-Jul-14	3.3	0.75	0.67	8.9	19.6	0.33	21.3	11.4		

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#### **TABLE 6**

## BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORPORATION MARY RIVER PROJECT

## SNP STATION DAILY AVERAGE DISCHARGE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

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Date	Daily Average Discharge (I/s)								
Date	MP-C-B	MP-Q1-02	MQ-C-A	MQ-C-B	MQ-C-D	MRY-13a	MS-C-AB	MS-C-E	MS-C-D
1-Aug-14	3.2	0.67	0.57	7.8	16.7	0.13	19.7	9.9	
2-Aug-14	3.1	0.61	0.54	6.8	14.1	0.11	18.7	9.0	
3-Aug-14	3.1	0.55	0.51	6.5	14.3	0.05	17.5	8.6	
4-Aug-14	3.0	0.46	0.46	5.9	13.0	0.06	15.5	7.7	
5-Aug-14	3.4	0.37	1.51	13.5	26.0	0.34	17.9	14.9	9.0
6-Aug-14	3.1	0.31	0.92	9.6	21.9	0.18	15.3	11.7	
7-Aug-14	6.9	0.77	8.62	42.2	71.1	0.88	50.1	34.7	
8-Aug-14	8.0	0.69	8.57	46.8	82.7	0.63	111.7	40.5	
9-Aug-14	6.7	0.69	8.18	50.2	89.5	0.77	122.9	39.0	
10-Aug-14	9.5	0.99	10.67	63.1	100.6	0.92	143.6	47.2	
11-Aug-14	11.2	1.24	6.52	53.8	97.3	0.44	155.2	42.7	
12-Aug-14	10.0	1.10	3.47	32.4	67.6	0.63	109.2	33.4	14.0
13-Aug-14	8.1	0.86	2.62	24.1	54.3	0.87	83.4	28.7	
14-Aug-14	6.5	0.64	1.93	18.2	42.8	0.67	68.5	23.8	
15-Aug-14	5.0	0.45	1.40	13.5	34.5	0.38	54.8	18.8	
16-Aug-14	3.8	0.31	1.07	9.9	26.1	0.19	43.1	14.7	
17-Aug-14	2.9	0.21	0.94	8.4	23.1	0.06	33.5	12.2	
18-Aug-14	2.3	0.14	0.87	8.7	25.0	0.05	25.8	10.8	6.9
19-Aug-14	4.2	0.52	1.64	9.1	33.3	0.15	22.8	12.2	
20-Aug-14	4.6	0.54	1.90	9.1	25.0	0.12	21.6	12.2	
21-Aug-14	4.0	0.42	1.77	10.0	30.4	0.09	19.0	11.2	
22-Aug-14	3.9	0.27	1.60	8.8	27.7	0.04	17.9	9.9	
23-Aug-14	3.4	0.15	1.09	6.4	22.1	0.02	16.3	8.0	
24-Aug-14	2.8	0.12	0.86	5.3	19.2	0.01	15.2	7.1	
25-Aug-14	4.8	0.49	4.13	18.6	38.9	0.27	24.9	14.8	
26-Aug-14	6.4	0.75	2.18	13.8	40.9	0.17	33.2	15.0	
27-Aug-14	5.6	0.63	1.45	9.7	30.2	0.06	41.3	11.3	1.5
28-Aug-14	5.6	0.50	1.14	7.3	24.4	0.03	39.0	9.4	
29-Aug-14	5.1	0.36	0.93	6.2	20.3	0.02	33.1	8.0	
30-Aug-14	4.1	0.24	0.67	3.3	13.7	0.00	26.1	6.2	
31-Aug-14	3.2	0.19	0.62	3.1	12.3	0.00	20.8	5.8	
1-Sep-14	2.8	0.18	0.57	2.9	12.1	0.00	16.5	5.4	
2-Sep-14	2.5	0.16	0.53	2.8	11.8	0.00	13.5	5.0	1.4
3-Sep-14	2.0	0.22	0.49	2.8	11.4	0.00	11.6	4.7	
4-Sep-14	1.6	0.14	0.45	2.4	10.3	0.00	9.6	4.3	
5-Sep-14	1.4	0.13	0.41	2.2	10.1	0.00	7.9	4.0	
6-Sep-14	1.2	0.13	0.39	1.9	7.0	0.00	6.9	3.7	
7-Sep-14	0.9	0.19				0.00			
8-Sep-14	0.70	0.13							

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