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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Request Extension on Comment Submission for 2018 Annual Report Review for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation Mary River Project, Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325 - Amendment No. 1

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

The Water Resources Division of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the Nunavut Water Board April 5, 2019 invitation to interested parties to submit comments on Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) 2018 Annual Report. CIRNAC is currently experiencing a large volume of reviews which is limiting our ability to conduct a thorough review of the Annual Report within the current timeframe. CIRNAC is conducting a thorough review of the 2018 Annual Report to assess current conditions and operations on site. This review is highly relevant in light of the ongoing application by Baffinland to amend the water licence for the Phase 2 expansion. Therefore, CIRNAC requests an extension of four (4) weeks to submit review comments for the 2018 Annual Report, which would move the deadline to August 4, 2019.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-4550 or godwin.okonkwo@canada.ca, or Bridget Campbell at (867) 975-4282 or bridget.campbell@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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