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Re: Next Update for the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan

Dear Phyllis,

Baffinland was provided comments submitted to the Nunavut Water Board on the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan from the following groups:

- 1) Qikiqtani Inuit Association (September 15, 2014)
- 2) Environment Canada (September 12, 2014) &
- 3) Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (September 15, 2014)

Baffinland appreciates all the comments received from the above noted groups. As is noted in the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's letter, there is agreement between the QIA and Baffinland on an approach forward to fulfill the requirement for this plan under the Commercial Lease and in particular agree to:

- Bullet #3 on page 2 – Baffinland will take into account comments received from both the QIA and the Nunavut Water Board when it next revises the Interim Closure Plan, anticipated to occur in 2015,
- Bullet #4, on page 2 – Baffinland recognizes there is a requirement in the Type A Water Licence to annually review the Interim Closure Plan and to make any changes as required
- Bullet #4, on page 2 – Baffinland will in the future, review the Interim Closure Plan first with the QIA, consistent with the requirements of the Commercial Lease, and ensure it is approved by the QIA prior to submission to other regulatory agencies.

Therefore, by way of this letter, Baffinland would like to inform the Nunavut Water Board that it is Baffinland's intention, to update this plan taking into consideration all comments and submit it for review and approval to the QIA prior to submission to the Nunavut Water Board. The plan will be submitted to the Nunavut Water Board with the Annual Report which is due for submission by March 31, 2015.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any problems or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O. Curran', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Oliver Curran

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