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To whom it may concern,

## RE: 2AM-MRY1325 INTERIM ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION PLAN & AQUATICS EFFECTS MONITORING PLAN

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to provide review comments<sup>1</sup> regarding Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (BIMC) Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP) and Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP), which were included within the 2014 Annual Report submittal.

QIA has issued approval to BIMC on the use of ICRP r3<sup>2</sup> for Inuit Owned Lands, as per Commercial Production Lease Q13C301<sup>3</sup>. No review comments are provided to the NWB at this time.

The NWB requested a review of AEMP r0<sup>4</sup> in their May 6, 2015 notice<sup>1</sup>. The same AEMP r0 was the subject of review, as requested by the NWB<sup>5</sup>, on October 14, 2014. The QIA provided review comments on this version of the AEMP on November 14, 2014<sup>6</sup>. No additional review comments are provided at this time.

As noted in QIA's intervention<sup>7</sup> to the recent Type A amendment application, "Based on discussions with NWB staff (on April 9, 2015), the July, 2014 AEMP has not received NWB approval". It is unclear why the NWB has reissued a request to receive review comments on the AEMP r0.

<sup>1</sup> May 6, 2015 email from NWB to Mary River Distribution titled "150506 2A-MRY1325 Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan & Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan.

<sup>2</sup> BIMC. 2015. Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan. BAF-PH1-830-P16-0012 Rev. 3.

<sup>3</sup> QIA and BIMC (2013). Commercial Lease No. Q13C301. September 6, 2013.

<sup>4</sup> BIMC (2014). Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan. BAF-PH1-930-P16-0039. Rev 0. June 27, 2014.

<sup>5</sup> October 14, 2014 public Notice from NWB titled "14014 2AM-MRY1325 Submission of Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan".

<sup>6</sup> Qikiqtani Inuit Association November 14, 2014 letter to the Nunavut Water Board titled "141014 2AM-MRY1325 Submission of the Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan".

<sup>7</sup> QIA June 1, 2015 submittal to the NWB titled "2AM-MRY1325 Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan & Aquatics Effects Monitoring Plan".



Sincerely,

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