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Adam Grzegorczyk Approvals Manager **Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation** 2275 Upper Middle Road East, Suite 300 Oakville, ON L6H 0C3

Sent via registered mail and email: adam.grzegorczyk @baffinland.com

Re: Acceptance of the Bank of Nova Scotia Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. OSB4357TOR Amendment #1

Dear Mr. Grzegorczyk,

Please be advised that on behalf of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, I accept the above referenced amendment to the irrevocable standby letter of credit that was issued by Bank of Nova Scotia on February 16, 2017. This financial guarantee in the amount of \$ 254,555 together with the irrevocable standby letter of credit OSB246237TOR of the amount of \$ 1,044,000, satisfies the reclamation security requirements of \$ 1,298,555 specified under Part C, Item 1 of Nunavut Water Board Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325 Amendment 1 and the direction from the Nunavut Water Board under the annual security review process dated January 20, 2017, for the Mary River Iron Mine.

Please don't hesitate to Sarah Forté, Water Management Coordinator, by telephone at (867) 975-3876 or by email at <u>sarah.forte</u> @aandc-aadnc.gc.ca for further information.

Sincerely,

Ian Parsons

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