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Dear Mr. Kabloona:

I would like to acknowledge that I have received your letter of January 20, 2017, conveying the Nunavut Water Board's direction on the 2017 Annual Security Review process for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Mary River project.

I have made the appropriate departmental officials aware of your correspondence and expect that they will work closely with your officials, should there be any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Hon, Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.

Mr. PJ Akeeagok C.C.:

Mr. Todd Burlingame