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Robert Hunter Licensing Administrator **Nunavut Water Board** P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0B 1J0 E-mail: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Baffinland's Request for Extension on the Annual Security Review for the Mary River Project, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Thank you for the March 28, 2024 invitation to review the referenced licence request to extend the Annual Security Review timeline of submissions, submitted by Baffinland, for Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act.

CIRNAC will support the new timelines if all parties are in agreement, recognizing that the final decision is at the discretion of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). CIRNAC would like to reiterate that no work shall be completed that is not adequately secured and posted with the Minister or the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA).

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-3876 or lauren.perrin@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca Andrew or Keim at (867)975-4550 Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

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