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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of QIA-BIM Joint Statement - 2026 Reclamation Security Update for the Mary River Project, Water License 2AM-MRY2540

Good afternoon, Mr. Hunter,

Thank you for distributing the latest information regarding the status of negotiations between Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association concerning the 2026 reclamation security update for the Mary River Project.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) would like to take the opportunity to review the joint update, as CIRNAC was not a participant in these negotiations. At this time, the Minister of CIRNAC has not approved any reduction in the reclamation security held by the Crown, which is reflected in the joint statement issued by QIA and Baffinland.

CIRNAC will continue its review of the information provided and will communicate its position to the Board in due course.

Sincerely,

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