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**Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's comments on Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's Interim Waste Rock Management Plan for the Mary River Project, Water Licence 2AM-MRY1325 – Amendment No. 1**

Dear Ms. Porter,

Thank you for your January 7, 2019 invitation for making representation to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on the above-noted plan.

The Water Resources Division of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) reviewed the plan, pursuant to CIRNAC's mandated responsibilities under the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act.

On December 31, 2018, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) fulfilled its commitment to submit an Interim Waste Rock Management Plan (IWRMP) in response to comments made by CIRNAC and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) on the Waste Rock Facility Pond Expansion (Modification Request No. 8). The IWRMP provides updates on the site conditions and progress made on the 2018 geochemical characterization and instrumentation program. CIRNAC considers the IWRMP adequate for managing waste rocks to be produced between December 2018 and May 2019. CIRNAC looks forward to reviewing further updates of the plan that will incorporate future mining plans and address the acid rock drainage issue at the waste rock storage facility.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-4555 or [david.zhong@canada.ca](mailto:david.zhong@canada.ca) or Bridget Campbell at (867) 975-4282 or [bridget.campbell@canada.ca](mailto:bridget.campbell@canada.ca).

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