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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) Review of the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation Response to CIRNAC Comments Regarding the Modification 13 Mine Site Water Management Plan for Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325

A. RESULTS OF REVIEW

CIRNAC reviewed the responses provided by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) on comments regarding their Modification No.13 – Mine Site Water Management Plan. The responses address CIRNAC's concerns and we are looking to ensure they will be implemented.

1. R-01 Discharging KM105 Sedimentation Pond Water into SDLT-1

CIRNAC recognizes the changes Baffinland has made regarding our comment on Discharging KM105 Sedimentation Pond Water into SDLT-1 from reviewing the Hydrology Memo. Especially the reducing of the maximum pumping rates stated in Table 4: Pond Discharge Operating Rules. CIRNAC requests the proponent specify in which Operating Manual, Standard Operating Procedure or similar document the rules will be incorporated so that operators are aware of the limits.

2. R-05 Incorporation of plan in water licence

CIRNAC acknowledges that Baffinland will include the Mine Site Water Management Plan into their Fresh Water Supply, Sewage and Wastewater Management Plan, Surface Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Management Plan and Environmental Protection Plan. CIRNAC expects to see these updated plans submitted at the same time as the 2022 Annual Report.



If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-3877 or miriame.giroux-paniloo@canada.ca and Andrew Keim at andrew.keim@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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