



November 17, 2017

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**RE: Crusher Pad Sedimentation Pond Expansion (Modification Request) –  
Response to Comments  
Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-MRY1325 – Amend. No. 1**

Dear Mr. Joseph,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) suspend the processing of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation’s (Baffinland) Request for Modification involving the expansion of the Crusher Pad Sedimentation Pond at the Mary River Project Mine Site.

On September 27, 2017, Baffinland submitted a Request for Modification to the NWB to increase the capacity of the Crusher Pad Sedimentation Pond at the Mine Site. The purpose of the pond expansion was to increase the pond’s capacity to ensure the pond was in compliance with the approved Civil Design Criteria<sup>i</sup> for the Project following the crusher pad’s recent expansion in the spring of 2017.

In response to the Request for Modification, Baffinland has received comments from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)<sup>ii,iii</sup> and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)<sup>iv</sup> that identified concerns regarding the design of the proposed pond expansion and the crusher pad’s current surface water management infrastructure.

Baffinland is currently reassessing the proposed design for the pond expansion and other concerns identified by INAC and the QIA. Once Baffinland’s assessment is complete, Baffinland will contact the NWB and other parties to determine the necessary next steps for expanding the Crusher Pad Sedimentation Pond.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Murray", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Christopher Murray  
Environmental & Regulatory Compliance Manager

Cc: David Hohnstein (NWB)  
Stephen Williamson Bathory (Qikiqtani Inuit Association)  
Jonathan Mesher, Sarah Forté, Karen Costello (INAC)  
Todd Burlingame, William Bowden, Connor Devereaux, Andrew Vermeer (Baffinland)

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<sup>i</sup> Hatch (Hatch Ltd.) 2013. Civil Design Criteria. Hatch Project No. H349000. Issued to Baffinland. Aug. 28 2013.

<sup>ii</sup> INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) 2017. Comments on Baffinland Modification Request for the Mine Site Crusher Pad Sedimentation Pond Expansion. Nov. 10 2017.

<sup>iii</sup> INAC (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) 2017. Supplemental Comments on Baffinland Modification Request for the Mine Site Crusher Pad Sedimentation Pond Expansion. Nov. 14 2017.

<sup>iv</sup> QIA (Qikiqtani Inuit Association) 2017. Mine Site Crusher Pad Sedimentation Pond Expansion Modification Request. Nov. 7 2017.