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Re: Response to Comments

Mary River Project – 2018 Work Plan - Modification Request No. 7 Type 'A' Water Licence - 2AM-MRY1325 - Amend. No. 1

Ms. Kubeisinova,

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) provides this letter in response to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's (Baffinland's) July 10, 2018 Response to Comments regarding the Mary River Project Modification Request No. 7 for the Type 'A' Water Licence – 2AM-MRY-1325 – Amend. No. 1.

QIA's third comment regarding environmental monitoring is that, as per the applicable Management Plans as listed by Baffinland in its response, monitoring during construction will be limited to visual inspections and the following of operational plans. There remains a gap in what will be monitored during construction to demonstrate that the design requirements are achieved. An example of what would partially achieve satisfactory construction monitoring would be QA/QC monitoring of construction materials at a set frequency.

QIA appreciates Baffinland's submittal of engineering drawings, but notes that the Mine Haul Road – Culvert Layout Drawing (Attachment 2) was issued for permitting. Baffinland should provide a detailed "Issued for Construction" drawing as required.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the undersigned at a suitable time.

Sincerely,

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Regulatory Manager