

File No: 2AM-MRY2540

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By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Honourable Gary Anandasangaree Minister of Northern Affairs 21st Floor, 10 Wellington Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

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Subject: Type A Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY2540; Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation

Dear Honourable Minister Anandasangaree:

Please find attached a copy of the renewed type A Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY2540 (Renewed Water Licence or Licence), duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation for a Mining undertaking in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. This Licence authorizes the continued use of Water and deposit of Waste at Mary River Project.

In its decision to issue the Licence and consistent with the Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement), the Board considered the outcome of its review process as well as the determinations made by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) with respect to the undertaking.

The NPC in its May 24, 2024 correspondence¹ confirmed that the activities proposed with this Application were previously reviewed by NPC, and conformity determinations were issued on April 30, 2008, August 12, 2011, February 8, 2016, January 26, 2017, May 18, 2018, December

¹ Correspondence dated May 24, 2024 from G. Djalogue, Nunavut Planning Commission to R. Dwyer, NWB (and others) Re: NPC File # 150396

16, 2019, June 7, 2022, and February 2, 2023, which still apply. The NPC also noted that the activities were previously screened and reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) under Project Certificate No. 005, and that the "project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply".

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the above referenced Water Licence requires your approval and, as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision including the Record of Proceedings along with a copy of the Renewed Water Licence No: 2AM-MRY2540 for your consideration.

Should you have any questions, require clarification with respect to the above or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie Nunavut Water Board, Chair LT/aj/rh

Enclosure: Licence No: 2AM-MRY2540

Reasons for Decision

cc. Mary River Distribution List

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Issuance Letter