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By Email and Regular Mail

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**Subject: Licence NWB2MRY0406 –
Spill Contingency Plan & Abandonment and Restoration Plan**

Dear Mr Zurowski:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) has completed its review of the Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation’s recent submission, dated July 2004, with respect to Licence NWB2MRY0406 and the additional information requirement under Part G, Item 1 and Part H, Item 1.

The addendums provided a more complete Spill Contingency Plan and Abandonment & Restoration Plan. There were however, a number of items identified that were not entirely addressed within these submissions. The NWB therefore cannot accept the Plans as submitted, without the following items being addressed.

Spill Contingency Plan

The Spill Contingency Plan has changed considerably from the original submission and still requires additional information under Part G, Items 1(iv) and 1(v) of the Licence. In comparing the two documents, pertinent information is either missing or has changed in the revision that was present in the original submission. These include the following:

- 1) Part G, Item 1(iv); the SCP should include a section within the cleanup response that provides additional information on the ultimate disposal of spilled/contaminated materials;
- 2) It is noted in the section on “Spills on Land” that the appropriate DIAND regional office may be contacted however, a contact number is not provided;
- 3) Part G, Item 1(v); along with the “Response Organization and Reporting”, a contact list of people and organizations that can be reached for additional information and assistance should be included as per Part G, Item 1(v). This list typically includes other contacts such as Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada, Government of Nunavut DOE, and possibly the nearest local RCMP and Health Centers;
- 4) There are two different numbers listed for contacting the Water Resources Inspector. The main number on the “Introduction” page should be changed to 975-4298; and,

- 5) Under the “Response Organization and Reporting” it is indicated that the On-scene Coordinator will report the spill to the Project Manager, who in turn will report the spill to the 24-hour Spill Report Line. The section on the “Responsibilities of the Project Manager” should indicate the requirement of the Project Manager to complete a spill report form and report to the Spill Report Line.

In addition to the above, the Spill Contingency Plan would be considerably easier to follow and locate information if there was a table of contents included and each section was identified by a section number.

Abandonment And Restoration Plan

The Abandonment and Restoration Plan was submitted in July, 2004. The Plan was comprehensive and the NWB acknowledges the commitments of Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation to reclaim the original Mary River Campsite and associated equipment left behind by earlier exploration at this site and throughout the local area.

The Plan addresses most concerns for the present exploration activity taking place, however there are numerous references in both the Seasonal Shutdown and Final Abandonment and Restoration scenarios that indicate various locations will be inspected for contamination (of soils). There is no indication of what action will be taken when and if contaminated soils/materials are discovered. Please provide as part of the Plan;

- 1) the logistical planning for the removal of debris and contaminated soils/materials for disposal indicating where these materials will be removed to and the approval arrangements that have been made for receipt of these materials (referred to in the Plan as “approved municipal discharge”).

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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