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NB102-00181/10-7

December 10, 2007

License # 2BB-MRY0710

Ms Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board P.O. BOX 119 Gjoa Haven, NU XOB 1J0

Dear Ms Beaulieu:

Re: Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan as per the Nunavut

Water Board License Nº 2BB-JMRY0710, Baffinland Iron Mines

Corporation, Mary River Project

Nunavut

Submitted: October 25, 2007 Reviewed: November 27, 2007

Thank-you for the submission of the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan prepared for Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation, Mary River Project.

Upon review, it has been found that the plan is complete. Approval of the plan is hereby granted.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-2781.

Sincerely,

Angelique Ruzindana, M.Sc.

Analyst Under the

Northwest Territories and Nunavut Waters Act

Nunavut Water

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Surface Water Sampling Program

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| Item              |                       | Requirement Class  |  | Class B                                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| Field<br>Sampling | Locations             | locations of all sampling stations and the markers used to identify the stations |  | OK, Site<br>water<br>management<br>plan |
|                   |                       | buoys and landmarks in ponds and lakes   |  | OK, Site water management plan          |
|                   |                       | sign posts for stream sample stations  |  | OK, Site<br>water<br>management<br>plan |
|                   | Sampling<br>Equipment | detailed section on equipment used   |  | OK                                      |
|                   |                       | rationale behind choices   |  | OK                                      |
|                   |                       | descriptions of how equipment is maintained and calibrated                       |  | OK                                      |
|                   |                       | sample containers - new or if re-<br>used, include bottle cleaning<br>procedure  |  | ОК                                      |
|                   | Sampling<br>Methods   | methods for sample collection  |  | OK                                      |
|                   |                       | equipment used for each station  |  | ОК                                      |
|                   |                       | field blanks and replicate sample collection                                     |  | ОК                                      |

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| Item               |                          | Requirement   | Class<br>A | Class<br>B |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---|------------|------------|
| Sample<br>Handling | Preservation             | describe how samples from each station are to be preserved (should include holding times - not specifically stated in guidelines)                                       |            | OK         |
|                    |                          | detailed information on the concentrations and amount of preservatives that will be used  |            | OK         |
|                    | Sample<br>Identification | description of the system used to identify samples; logbook, water resistant marking on bottle, include details as company name, sample area, SNP number, time and date |            | OK         |
|                    | Transportation           | transportation of samples from collection to delivery to lab: sealed, stored upright, refrigeration during transport  |            | OK         |

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| Item                                 |                      | Requirement  | Class A | Class B          |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|---------|------------------|--|
| Lab<br>Analysis<br>(Outside<br>Labs) | Lab<br>Accreditation | Name of lab  |         | Accutest,<br>ALS |  |
|                                      |                      | Certificate/letter of accreditation                                    |         | OK               |  |
|                                      |                      | List of certified tests  |         | OK               |  |
|                                      | Detection<br>Limits  | identified for all SNP data parameters, submitted with reports         |         | OK               |  |
|                                      | Methodology          | as in Standard Methods (SM) or include description of methods used     |         | ОК               |  |
| Lab<br>Analysis<br>In House<br>Labs  | Detection<br>Limits  | identified for all SNP data parameters, submitted with reports         |         | N/A              |  |
|                                      | External QC          | identify lab used to cross-<br>check for quality control               |         | N/A              |  |
|                                      | Methodology          | use of Standard Methods or other approved methods                      |         | N/A              |  |
|                                      |                      | Accuracy ensured with certified control/reference standards; frequency |         | N/A              |  |

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| Ito                                       | em          | Requirement   | Class A | Class B |
|---|-------------|---|---------|---------|
| Lab Analysis<br>In House Labs<br>(cont'd) | Methodology | Precision ensured with replicates; description of how and when replicates taken; triplicates at one SNP station during each sampling period; daily sampling: duplicate each day, triplicate once a week |         | N/A     |

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|-----------|------------------|---|------------|---------|
| Reporting | General          | outline of what information will<br>be reported in monthly SNP<br>reports, including:<br>- control charts for accuracy,<br>precision  |            | X       |
|           | Outside Labs     | number of replicates that will be collected and submitted with each SNP report, including: - one set of dups/trips from an assigned SNP - field blanks  |            | OK      |
|           | In-House<br>Labs | number of replicates that will be included with each SNP report, including: - two dups per month at an assigned SNP, with one set sent to a commercial lab, the other analyzed at the in-house lab; results to be included with each SNP report |            | N/A     |