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RE: Licence No: 2BE-EQE1926 Type "B"; Eqe Bay Exploration Program Project, Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation; 2019 Annual Report Review

Dear Thomas Iannelli, Christopher Murray:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has completed the technical review of the 2019 Annual Report (Report) for Type "B" Water Licence 2BE-EQE1926 (Licence). The Report was received on March 30, 2020 from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland or Licensee) and submitted as a requirement under Part B of the Licence.

Copies of all documents received during Report review can be accessed through the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site using the following link:

ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BE%20-%20Exploration/2BE-EQE1926%20BIMC/3%20TECH/B%20GENERAL/2%20ANNUAL%20RPT/2019/

On April 7, 2020, the NWB distributed the Report to the Qikiqtani distribution list for information. No comments have been received to date.

The Board notes that the Licence sets several requirements:

- Part H, Item 2: with the 2019 Annual Report or sixty (60) days prior to a sealift fuel transfer, whichever comes first, submit to the Board for review, an update to the Plan entitled "Eqe Bay Spill Contingency Plan BAF-PH1-400-P16-0002" dated February 22, 2019 by:
 - a. indicating the location(s) of spill kits;

- b. reflecting the requirement for regular inspection of drip trays and antifreeze cleanup;
- c. including information on handling hazardous materials; and
- d. outlining the spill response procedure during fuel transfer activities from a sealift barge; and
- Part I, Item 2: submit to the Board for review with the 2019 Annual Report an updated Plan entitled "Eqe Bay Exploration Program Closure and Reclamation Plan BAF-PH1-400-P16-0003" dated February 22, 2019 taking into consideration its land lease agreement provisions with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

The NWB does not have a record of receiving these documents to date. Therefore, the Board requires that the Licensee provide the missing information in the 2020 Annual Report to be submitted on or before <u>July 31, 2020</u>. In addition, Baffinland is reminded of the requirement set out in Part J, Item 9 to submit to the Board for review at least thirty (30) days prior to initiating camp Water use an updated Plan entitled "*Eqe Bay - Environmental Inspection and Monitoring Plan BAF-PH1-400-P16-0004*" dated February 22, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at assol.kubeisinova@nwb-oen.ca or (867) 360 6338 (ext. 31).

Best regards,

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