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RE: Notice of New Water Licence Application Associated with Exceptions

Environment Canada (EC) would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to comment on Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation's application to amend water license 2BB-MRY0710 for the purpose of completing pre-development work (PDW) for its Mary River Iron Mine Project. Following a review of the proposed activities, EC understands the NWB plans to authorize the PDW activities under a new Type B licence, 2BE-MRY----. Hence, our comments relate to the new license NWB plans to issue for PDW.

EC is providing the NWB comments based on a technical review of the PDW package that was submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) under Baffinland's NLCA 12.10.2(b) exemption application. EC understands the same materials were submitted to NIRB and NWB in support of Baffinland's PDW. As such, given the similar content of each submission and the limited time allocated for review, EC is providing our PDW-related comments to the NWB.

Should you have any questions or comments with regards to the attached submission, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Dahl at (204) 983-4815 or via email at mark.dahl@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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