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March 18, 2021

Sylvia Ekelik **Licensing Administrative Assistant** Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0B 1J0 E-mail: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Review of Proponent Response to Intervener Comments regarding the Licence Renewal Application for Baffinland Mary River Exploration, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-MRY1421

Dear Ms. Ekelik,

Thank you for the March 12, 2021 invitation to review the referenced response to intervener comments on the licence renewal application for Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-MRY1421, submitted by Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland). Baffinland provided a letter dated March 12, 2021. With the letter, responses to intervener comments were in Attachment 1. An updated draft Spill Contingency Plan and draft Exploration Closure and Reclamation Plan, both dated March 11, 2021, were provided in Attachments 2 and 3, respectively.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the three attachments pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act, and finds that our concerns have been satisfactorily addressed.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-4282 or bridget.campbell@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

Bridget Campbell,

Water Management Coordinator, Acting Manager

