



March 31 2016

Nunavut Water Board
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**Re: QIA and NWB Annual Report Submission and Management Plan Updates:
Mary River Project Type A Water Licence 2AM-MRY1325 (Amendment No. 1), Type B
Water Licence 2BE-MRY1421, Type B Water Licence 8BC-MRY1416 and Commercial
Lease No. Q13C301.**

Mr. Joseph:

Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) is pleased to submit the enclosed document, *Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation Mary River Project, 2015 QIA and NWB Annual Report*. This report addresses the annual reporting requirements for the above referenced water licences. A concordance table presented in Appendix A of the report references where in the report that the reporting requirements of each of the water licences have been met.

Copies of this submission will follow by mail. Our submission consists of the following enclosures:

- Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation Mary River Project, 2015 QIA and NWB Annual Report (hard copy and electronic file).
- Updated Management and Monitoring Plans (electronic files only) for Plans required by or associated with the Water Licences and QIA Commercial Lease:
 - Surface Water and Aquatic Systems Management Plan (March 2016)
 - Air Quality and Noise Abatement Management Plan (March 2016).
 - Emergency Response Plan (March 2016).
 - Spill Contingency Plan (March 2016).
 - Fresh Water, Sewage and Wastewater Management Plan (March 2016).
 - Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (March 2016).
 - Interim Reclamation and Closure Plan (March 2016).
 - Surface Water Sampling Program - Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plan (March 2016).
 - Waste Management Plan (March 2016).
 - Milne Port Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (OPEP) (July 2015).
 - Terrestrial Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan (March 2016).
 - Roads Management Plan (March 2016)

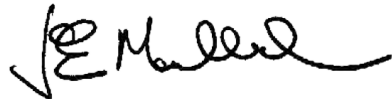
Please note the following exceptions to the list of Management and Monitoring Plans provided above:

- A revised Interim Reclamation and Closure Plan (March 2016) has been issued under separate cover letter. This is a joint submission between the QIA and Baffinland.
- The revised Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plan (AEMP) is forthcoming and will be submitted within the next week. The revised AEMP incorporates recommendations of the consultant based on results of this year's program.

The NWB is further directed to the 2015 Annual Report to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), dated March 31, 2016, which will eventually be posted in full on the NIRB ftp site, for details and discussion of environmental baseline programs and other studies conducted during 2016.

Should the NWB require any additional information or points of clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at jim.millard@baffinland.com or Allan Knight at allan.knight@baffinland.com.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: 1. Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation Mary River Project, 2016 QIA and NWB Annual Report (hard copy and electronic).
2. Updated Management and Monitoring Plans (electronic).

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