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Re: 2019 Freight Dock CPT Program – Mary River Project
Type B Water License 2BE-MRY1421
Commercial Lease No. Q13C301

Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) plans to commence a 2019 geotechnical program on the area for the future construction of the Freight Dock in Milne Inlet, for the purpose of cone penetration testing (CPT), sediment analysis and spud penetration assessment. The proposed locations are shown in Attachment 1. The program is being managed by Baffinland and Hatch, and performed by Conetec Investigation Inc. The program is scheduled to commence on April 12 2019.

A total of twenty-five (25) locations are planned to be tested by CPT at the mud line and on the sea bottom. One (1) CPT at each Spud location will be performed, at each of the three (3) locations for the Spuds. At each Anchor location, in a radius of 25m, eight (8) CPTs will be performed. Additionally, three (3) alternative CPTS will be performed at each Anchor location if preliminary data indicates existence of obstructions. A maximum total of twenty-two (22) CPTs will be performed at the Anchor locations. The Locations of the Anchor and Spud locations are provided in Attachment 1. The UTM coordinates for the main CPT test locations are listed below:

Anchor 1: E 503 995 - N 7 977 110 Anchor 2: E 503 945 - N 7 977 110 Spud PS AFT: E 503 987 - N 7 976 762 Spud PS FWD: E 503 987 - N 7 976 698 Spud STB FWD: E 503 953 - N 7 976 698

In accordance with Part F, Section 2, of the Type B Water Licence 2BE-MRY1421, this letter and attachments provides the notification for the drilling of twenty-five (25) boreholes on ice. Daily environmental monitoring will be performed, including pre, during and post drill inspections. Turbidity monitoring of the boreholes will also be performed pre and post.

This program will not require the use of water. Supporting equipment will include a portable Ramset with a hydraulic power pack, CPT, and sonic bathymetry. An RTK -Trimble survey equipment will be used to identify the locations. A skid steer will be used for carrying equipment and supplies.

Despite best planning, it should be noted that unforeseen circumstances may result in changes in plans as the program proceeds. Baffinland will endeavor to inform the Inspector and other relevant parties in such circumstances.



We trust that this information meets the notification requirements for the above program. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, should you have any questions or comments.

Regards,

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**Attachments:** 

Attachment 1: Proposed Cone Penetration Test Locations Plan

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## Attachment 1 Proposed Cone Penetration Test Locations Plan

