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Dear Richard Dwyer, Calvin Ehaloak, Carson Gillis, Tracey McCaie, Jared Ottenhof, and Megan Lord-Hoyle:

RE: NPC File No: 151074 [Application for Renewal of NWB Water Licence 2BE-MRY1421]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. **Primary Land Use:** Mineral Exploration
2. **Project description:** Baffinland is applying to renew Type “B” Water Licence 2BE-MRY1421 for five years to continue exploration and geotechnical drilling under the Mary River Exploration Project. Activities will occur across Baffinland’s mineral leases in the Qikiqtani Region, with no expansion beyond the current licence. The project will utilize existing Mary River Project infrastructure but remain limited to exploration and geotechnical investigations, consistent with previously permitted activities in this project area..
3. **Summary of modifications:** The project area has been expanded to include mineral claims just outside the current boundary. The Operations Phase end date has been updated to align with the expiry date of the Type B Water Licence.
4. **Associated NPC File No.:** 148193, 148423,148801,148841,149260, 149434; **NIRB File No.:**08MN053 and 17UN012; **Related NWB File No.:** 2BE-MRY1421.
5. **Location:** Qikiqtaaluk Regions [near the community of Pond Inlet]

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and conformity determination was most recently issued on January 13, 2021, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously reviewed and screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 08MN053 and 17UN012). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of mineral exploration activities within a mineral claim located outside the current project boundary does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151074>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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Jurisdictional Note:

This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.