



Media Release
The Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Lay Charges
under the Nunavut *Mine Health & Safety Act*

Iqaluit, NU (Dec 10, 2019) – On December 05, 2019, the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission filed sixteen charges in the Nunavut Court of Justice under the *Mine Health & Safety Act*.

Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation are charged with multiple counts which allege various offences in violation of the *Mine Health & Safety Act*, including failing to supervise, instruct and train as is necessary to protect the health and safety of workers and failing to provide and maintain healthy and safe worksites.

The charges stem from an incident in which a worker was fatally injured at the Mary River Mine site, near the Hamlet of Pond Inlet, Nunavut. The incident occurred on December 16, 2018. The worker died while operating a Cat 745C Articulated Truck, also known as a Cat 745 Rock Truck, or 745.

The WSCC reminds all employers that their legislated worksite responsibilities include taking every reasonable measure and precaution to protect the health and safety of employees and all other people at the work site. This includes making sure that all workers and supervisors receive the training, instruction and supervision necessary to ensure the safety of workers and the worksite, and to have and maintain an occupational health and safety program that is current and relevant to the potential hazards at their worksite.

The first court appearance in this matter is scheduled for January 9, 2020 in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

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Note:

1. This matter is now before the courts, so additional information available for release is limited.
2. The *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* states what personal information government bodies are permitted to release. Under these Acts, the WSCC is unable to disclose personal information or information that could reasonably identify an individual.