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Sent via email: john.roberts@tmacresources.com

**Re: Receipt of Final Environmental Impact Statement for TMAC Resources Inc.'s
“Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt” Project Proposal**

Dear Oliver Curran:

On December 21, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received TMAC Resources Inc.'s (TMAC or the Proponent) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the "Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt" Project proposal (the Project).

The Board has commenced an internal check of the FEIS submission for compliance with the NIRB's previously issued EIS Guidelines¹ and Pre-hearing Conference Decision² (PHC Decision) for the Project. This compliance review is a presence or absence analysis of the required information only and is not meant to evaluate the quality of the information presented.

The NIRB notes that the Proponent has previously requested that a coordinated process be undertaken by the NIRB and Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for consideration of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project proposal and the associated water licence application. As such, the NWB will conduct a completeness check of the associated Water Licence Application(s) and supporting information in the FEIS for the Project. This completeness check will be conducted based on information requirements in the NWB's Supplemental Information Guidelines, and on direction given by the NWB in the PHC Decision as relating to water licencing requirements.

If the FEIS submission is found to be in compliance with the NIRB's EIS Guidelines and the PHC Decision, the Board will formally accept the submission and provide public notice regarding the commencement of a technical review period in accordance with the NIRB's Rules of Procedure, as modified by the Board in the PHC Decision. The technical review period allows for a detailed review of the FEIS and provides interested parties with an opportunity to

¹ "Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (NIRB File No. 12MN001)" December 2012

² "Pre-hearing Conference Decision concerning the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (NIRB File No. 12MN001)" July 21, 2017

analyze the quality of the information presented by the Proponent, with a focus on commitments made by the Proponent and other parties as part of the PHC Decision. Following the technical review period, interested parties will be required to provide the NIRB with final written submissions in advance of a Final Hearing for this Review.

At this time, the NIRB anticipates completing the internal compliance review of TMAC's FEIS by January 17, 2018 and will provide further information regarding the subsequent steps for the NIRB's Review and the NIRB-NWB coordinated process for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project proposal to all parties upon acceptance of the FEIS.

On November 14, 2017 the NIRB requested that parties requiring print and/or electronic copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement indicate to the NIRB the number of copies requested and the mailing address(es) to which copies should be submitted by December 6, 2017. On or before December 6, 2017, the NIRB received responses from the following parties:

- Government of Nunavut
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd.

Please refer to Appendix A which outlines the number of print and/or electronic copies requested by each party, as well as relevant contact and mailing information. Once the FEIS has been accepted by the NIRB, the Board asks that AEM ensure that parties are provided with copies as outlined in Appendix A.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project proposal, please contact the undersigned at kgillard@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Oliver Curran, TMAC Resources Inc.
Shelley Potter, TMAC Resources Inc.
Alex Buchan, TMAC Resources Inc.
Karén Kharatyan, Nunavut Water Board
Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Distribution List

Attached: Appendix A: Parties' Requests for Copies of Meliadine Gold FEIS

APPENDIX A: PARTIES' REQUESTS FOR PHASE 2 HOPE BAY BELT FEIS

Agency	# of FEIS	Mailing Address	Agency Contact
DFO	1 hard copy and 1 electronic copy	301-5204 50 th Ave Yellowknife, NT 1XA 1E2	Angie McLellan, Fisheries Protection Biologist. Angie.McLellan@dfo-mpo.gc.ca ; (867) 669-4924
GN	1 electronic copy	P.O. Box 310, Igloolik, NU X0A 0L0	Sylvie LeBlanc, Territorial Archaeologist. SLeBlanc1@GOV.NU.CA ; (867) 934-2040
GN	20 electronic copies	Department of Economic Development and Transport	Erika Zell ezell@gov.nu.ca
INAC	3 electronic copies	Building 918, P.O. Box 100 / Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0	Felexce Ngwa, Senior Environmental Assessment Specialist. Felexce.ngwa@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca ; (867) 975-4552
ECCC	2 electronic copies	5019-52nd Street, 4th Floor, PO Box 2310 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P7	Bradley Summerfield Bradley.Summerfield@Canada.ca ; 867-669-4707
	1 electronic copy	91780 Alaska Highway, Whitehorse, YK Y1A 5X7	Nathalie Lowry
	1 electronic copy	9250-49th Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6B 1K5	Anne Wilson
	1 electronic copy	150-123 Main Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4W2	Reg Ejeckam
Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd.	1 electronic copy	202-501 Krug St., Kitchener, ON. N2B 1L3	Richard Nesbitt richard.nesbitt@environmentalsciences.ca