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To: Matthew Pickard
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And: The Back River Distribution List

Sent via Email

Re: NIRB's Scoping Tour for the Review of Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s "Back River" Project Proposal

Dear Matthew Pickard:

On December 17, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued notice of the commencement of the Board's Review of Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s (Sabina or the Proponent) "Back River" project proposal (NIRB File No. 12MN036) which included details on the forthcoming public scoping sessions. The NIRB has commenced its public notice of these scoping sessions by informing communities of the following schedule:

Community	Location	Date	Function	Time
Cambridge Bay	Elder's Palace	February 5, 2013	Open House	1-4 p.m.
	Community Hall	February 5, 2013	Scoping Meeting	7 p.m.
	Community Hall	February 6, 2013	Scoping Meeting	7 p.m.
Kugluktuk	Community Hall	February 7, 2013	Scoping Meeting	7 p.m.
		February 8, 2013	Open House	1-4 p.m.
		February 8, 2013	Scoping Meeting	7 p.m.


Kugaaruk	Community Hall	February 11, 2013	Open House	1-4 p.m.
		February 11, 2013	Scoping Meeting	7 p.m.
Gjoa Haven	Gideon Qitsualik Memorial Center	February 12, 2012	Open House	1-4 p.m.
		February 12, 2012	Scoping Meeting	7 p.m.
Taloyoak	E.W. Lyall Recreation Complex	February 13, 2012	Open House	1-4 p.m.
		February 13, 2012	Scoping Meeting	7 p.m.
Yellowknife, NT	TBA	February 20, 2012	Scoping Meeting	7 p.m.

As outlined in the subsequent December 21, 2012 correspondence, the NIRB's public scoping sessions are intended to engage the public during the early stages of the Review process in order to facilitate meaningful consultation with communities identified as potentially affected by the Back River project. The NIRB's goal from this consultation is to identify Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs) and Valued Socio-Economic Components (VSECs) that should be addressed in the Proponent's *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The public scoping meetings will include the following discussions:

- Explain the NIRB's Review process, including how members of the public may participate;
- Inform the public of the proposed Back River project under Review; and,
- Work with members of the public to identify Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs) and Valued Socio-Economic Components (VSECs) that should be considered in the NIRB's Review of the Back River project.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding the NIRB's Review of the Back River project, please contact Tara Arko, Technical Advisor, at tarko@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4611.

Sincerely,



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