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To: The Back River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Public Meetings Summary Report for the NIRB's Review of Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s "Back River" project proposal

Dear Parties:

Recently, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) facilitated public scoping meetings in the Kitikmeot Region as part of the NIRB's Review of Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s (Sabina; the Proponent) proposed "Back River" project. Between February 5-20, 2013 NIRB staff visited communities of the Kitikmeot region, Nunavut (Kugaaruk, Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak, Cambridge Bay, and Kugluktuk) as well as Yellowknife, NWT. The enclosed *Public Scoping Meetings Summary Report for the NIRB's Review of Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s "Back River" project (NIRB file no. 12MN036)* provides an overview of the comments or questions that were raised during the community meetings and can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE% 20REVIEWS/12MN036-SABINA-BACK% 20RIVER/02-REVIEW/04-SCOPING% 20% 26% 20GUIDELINES/01-SCOPING/04-SCOPING% 20REPORT/.

While this report is being distributed for information purposes only, please be advised that the comments and questions raised during these public scoping meetings were used to inform and/or directly incorporated into the Final Scope as well as the NIRB's project specific Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines to the extent possible. The NIRB greatly appreciates the input received from the public regarding this project proposal and the Board remains committed to ensuring the most effective public engagement opportunities possible moving forward.

If you have any questions regarding the Summary Report or the NIRB's Review of the Back River project proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at <u>tarko@nirb.ca</u> or 867-983-4611.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (1): Public Scoping Meetings Summary Report for the NIRB's Review of Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s

"Back River" project (NIRB file no. 12MN036)