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**Re: Extension Request on the Revised Draft Guidelines for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s "Back River" Project**

Dear Mr. Torretti:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) appreciates the correspondence received from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) on April 8, 2013, requesting an extension to the commenting period on the Revised Draft Guidelines for the Back River Project (NIRB File No. 12MN036). Due to the request being received by the NIRB on the afternoon of the final day for comment submissions, the Board was not provided with sufficient time to grant the request and formally extend the comment period to all parties. In the future, the NIRB respectfully requests that the KIA submit such extension requests well in advance of commenting deadlines to allow for full consideration by the NIRB.

The NIRB will begin final revisions to the EIS Guidelines with the input received from parties. However, recognizing the KIA's important role in the Review for this Project, and the KIA's previous correspondences noting a lack of submission due to the organization's inability to complete their assessment of the document, the NIRB will await KIA's pending submission to allow for the Board's consideration prior to the finalization and issuance of the EIS guidelines to the Proponent. The NIRB requests that the KIA provide its submission directly to the NIRB as soon as possible via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at 867-983-2594.

Sincerely,



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