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April 30, 2013

To: The Back River Distribution List

Sent via Email

Re: **Guidelines for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the "Back River" Project**

Dear Parties:

As you are aware, on March 18, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a request for public comments on the Revised *Draft* Guidelines for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s (Sabina; the Proponent) Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the "Back River" project (NIRB File No. 12MN036). Following the receipt of comments submitted to the Board on or before April 8, 2013, it was noted that there were no significant outstanding items which required further dialogue, and the NIRB provided notification on April 9, 2013 that a workshop would not be held before issuing the finalized EIS Guidelines to the Proponent.

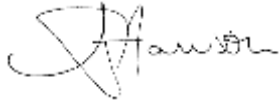
The Board issued its Guidelines for the Proponent's Preparation of an EIS for the Back River Project to Sabina under separate cover earlier today; the finalized version of the Guidelines has been enclosed for the information of parties. Comment submissions received by the NIRB on or before April 8, 2013 have, where appropriate, been incorporated into the enclosed version of the Guidelines and in addition, comments received by the Kitikmeot Inuit Association on April 19, 2013 have been considered and, where applicable, addressed within the Guidelines. A table noting how and where the comments were addressed during the last revision of the Guidelines has been included and the Proponent has been advised that it would be in its best interest to review and ensure its EIS submission addresses comment submissions to the extent it deems possible. Materials pertaining to the development of the finalized Guidelines can be accessed on the NIRB public registry site at: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/12MN036-SABINA-BACK%20RIVER/02-REVIEW/04-SCOPING%20%26%20GUIDELINES/>.

At this time, the Board requests that those interested parties requiring a hard copy of the Proponents' future *draft* EIS submission provide their mailing addresses and the required number of copies, as well as an indication as to the type (electronic or hard copy) requested to the NIRB on or before **Thursday May 30, 2013**.

The NIRB would like to thank all parties for their continued efforts toward ensuring an efficient and thorough assessment of the proposed Back River project.

If you have any questions related to the NIRB's Review of this file, please contact Tara Arko, Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Georgina Williston, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Rob Johnstone, Natural Resources Canada
Meighan Andrews, Transport Canada

Enclosures (2): 1. Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Back River project – NIRB File 12MN036 (*April 30, 2013*)
2. EIS Guidelines Comment Table (*April 30, 2013*)