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Re: Submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Back River Project

Dear Ms. Hanson & Mr. Honstein:

Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. (Sabina) is pleased to submit the Draft EIS and associated Water License Applications to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB).

This submission is a culmination of the work on the Back River Project over the past five year. Back River is an advanced exploration gold project located in the western Kitikmeot region of Nunavut. The project includes the Goose Property, the George Property, a Marine Laydown Area in southern Bathurst Inlet, and winter roads connecting the three sites.

The Goose Property consists of several mineral deposits. Its Goose Main and the Llama deposits can be developed economically via open pit mining, while a combination of open pit and underground mining will be used at Goose's Umwelt deposit. The George Property is located approximately 60 km to the northwest of the Goose Property, and consists of a large connected mineralization zone. There are three George deposits identified as being economically viable using open pit methods: Locale 1, LCP North, and, Locale 2.

The Project consists of the construction, operation, and closure of the infrastructure and mining facilities required for extracting gold from these deposits at the Goose and George properties. Based on currently known resources, the Project has an estimated 10 year operating mine life. Continued exploration may extend the projected mine life.

Ore will be mined and trucked using conventional open pit and underground methods. It will be processed using standard gravity and leach recovery processes at a mill located at the Goose Property. At each mining site, the waste rock will be deposited in designated storage areas on the surface adjacent to the mine pits. Tailings from the mill will be deposited in a Tailings Impoundment Area in proximity to the mill.



The current plan for open pit and underground mine production focuses on achieving an average production of 300,000 ounces of gold annually. The Project will result in significant benefits to Nunavummiut and the Inuit of the Kitikmeot Region, in particular.

Sabina remains committed to an efficient and transparent review process and looks forward to working with the Boards, Inuit organizations, communities, and federal and territorial governments to advance the Project in a responsible manner.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact the undersigned at (604) 484-8967 or mpickard@sabinagoldsilver.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Pickard", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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