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To: Back River Distribution List

*Sent via email*

**RE: Notice to Parties of Extension to Deadline for Submission of Information Requests on Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Draft Environmental Impact Statement Submission for the Back River Project**

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Dear Parties:

As you are aware, on February 11, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) provided notice to this distribution list of its acceptance of Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s (Sabina) submission of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the "Back River" project proposal (NIRB File No. 12MN036) and which also commenced the technical review period. Sabina's Back River DEIS submission 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/05-DRAFT%20EIS%20%26%20CONFORMITY%20REVIEW/02-DEIS%20JAN%202014/>.

Please be advised that on March 3, 2014 the NIRB received the enclosed correspondence from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) requesting a 10 day extension to the deadline for submission of Information Requests (IRs) for the Review of Sabina Gold and Silver Corp.'s "Back River" project proposal. The NIRB understands that this additional time is necessary to ensure the KIA's effective participation given present capacity challenges; the NIRB is therefore granting the extension as requested. IR submissions will continue to be accepted until **Monday, March 24, 2014**.

Given the recently announced schedule for the NIRB's community information sessions throughout the Kitikmeot Region for this Review, the revised timeline for submissions will unfortunately hamper the Board's ability to review information requests and provide direction to the Proponent on required responses. Upon receipt of IRs, the NIRB will ensure that they are posted to the online registry and provided directly to the Proponent immediately following the

close of the IR deadline, with follow up direction from the NIRB anticipated to be provided on or before **April 7, 2014**.


As a result of the extension request, the NIRB would like to provide the following update to its projected next steps in the NIRB's Review of the proposed Back River project:

- Submission of Information Requests (IRs) directly to the NIRB by interested parties on or before **5:00 pm MT, Monday March 24, 2014**. IRs will be posted to the NIRB's online public registry upon receipt.
- After considering all IRs and making decisions regarding their suitability, the NIRB will forward all appropriate requests to the Proponent (and other parties if applicable) on or before **Monday April 7, 2014**.
- Upon forwarding IRs to the appropriate parties, the NIRB may set a timeframe for the Proponent and other parties if applicable, to respond with an IR response package.
- Upon receipt of the IR response package(s), all parties will be given **60 days** for submission of technical review comments.

Once again, the NIRB requests that all interested parties submit their Information Requests to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or by fax to (867) 983-2594 on or before **5:00 pm MT, Monday March 24, 2014**.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's Review of the Back River Project, please contact Tara Arko, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4611 or via email at [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: Email from the KIA to NIRB Re Extension Request (*March 3, 2014*)