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Sent via email: Matthew.Spence@cannor.gc.ca

RE: Information Requests received from Parties regarding Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Draft EIS for the Back River Project

Dear Matthew Spence:

On February 11, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) initiated the public technical review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) submitted by Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation (Sabina or the Proponent) for the Back River project proposal by requesting that interested parties submit Information Requests (IR) to facilitate their technical review of the DEIS.

On or before March 24, 2014 the NIRB received IR submissions from the following parties:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association – 140 IRs
- Government of Nunavut – 42 IRs
- Government of Canada – 152 IRs
- Government of the Northwest Territories – 13 IRs
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nations – 5 IRs
- Yellowknives Dene First Nations – 13 IRs
- Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation – 3 IRs
 - 3 IRs directed to Federal and Territorial government agencies and departments

All submissions are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following link:

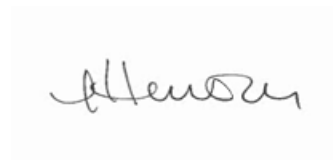
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The Board requests that the Government of Canada departments review Sabina's IR submissions SBB-1 and SBB-2 and supply the NIRB with an indication regarding their ability to respond to those IRs.

The NIRB respectfully requests that indications regarding the anticipated timelines for responses to IRs be submitted directly to the Board at info@nirb.ca or by fax to (867) 983-2594 on or before **Tuesday April 22, 2014**.

If you have any questions or require further 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.

Sincerely,



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cc: Back River Distribution List
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James Neary, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
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Michael Mohammed, Environment Canada
Georgina Williston, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Kathleen Cavallaro, Natural Resources Canada
John Cowan, Transport Canada
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