

NIRB File No.: 12MN036

November 23, 2015

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Sent via email: mpickard@sabinagoldsilver.com

Re: NIRB Receipt of Final Environmental Impact Statement Submission for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s "Back River" Project Proposal

Dear Matthew Pickard:

On November 23, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a hard copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) submission from Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. (Sabina or Proponent) for its proposed "Back River" Project (the Project).

The Board has commenced an internal check of the FEIS submission for compliance with the NIRB's previously issued EIS Guidelines¹ and Pre-hearing Conference Decision² (PHC Decision). This compliance check is a presence or absence analysis and is not intended to evaluate the quality of the information presented.

If the FEIS submission is deemed to be in compliance with the Board's PHC Decision, the NIRB is anticipating distribution of the submission to the public and the commencement of a technical review period. This technical review period will provide interested parties with an opportunity to identify any information gaps in the document, followed by a technical review of the information and evidence as presented within the FEIS and provide the NIRB with comments and advice in advance of a Final Hearing for this Review. Further details regarding the next steps and associated scheduling for the NIRB's Review of the Project will be forthcoming with the results of the Board's compliance check.

¹ NIRB Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Back River Project (NIRB File No. 12MN036), issued April 30, 2013.

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² NIRB Pre-hearing Conference Decision Concerning the Back River Project (NIRB File No. 12MN036) Proposed by Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation, issued December 19, 2014.

The Board anticipates completion of this compliance check, and an indication on the acceptability of the FEIS submission, to be released on or before **December 7, 2015**.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Kristina Benoit, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4607 or via email at kbenoit@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Jana Clark

cc: Back River Distribution List

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Enclosure (1): Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s correspondence to the Nunavut Impact Review Board regarding submission of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Back River Project (November 23, 2015)