



NIRB File No.: 12MN036

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Sent via email: mpickard@sabinagoldsilver.com

Re: Final Written Submissions Received for the NIRB's Review of Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation's Back River Gold Mine Project Proposal

Dear Matthew Pickard:

On February 16, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) accepted Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation's (Sabina) Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum (FEIS Addendum) for the Back River Gold Mine Project proposal and on February 23, 2017 commenced a technical review of the submission. Interested parties were invited to provide final written submissions to the NIRB by April 24, 2017.

On or before April 26, 2017 the NIRB received submissions from the following parties:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Health Canada (HC)
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
- Transport Canada (TC)
- Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT)
- Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN)
- North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA)
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN)

All submissions can be accessed on the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Back River Project
- NIRB File No.: 12MN036
- NIRB Application No.: 124149

Consistent with the NIRB's Pre-Hearing Conference Decision for the proposed Back River Gold Mine Project¹, the Board would like to provide Sabina with the opportunity to file a response to parties' final written submissions and requests that Sabina submit its response via email to info@nirb.ca or by fax to (867) 983-2594, on or before **May 18, 2017**.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the next steps in the Board's Review of the proposed Back River Gold Mine Project, please contact Davin St. Pierre at (867) 983-4615 or dstpierre@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Tara Arko
Director, Technical Services
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Back River Distribution List

¹ *NIRB Preliminary Hearing Conference Decision Concerning the Back River Project (NIRB File No. 12MN036) proposed by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.*, issued December 19, 2014.