



NIRB File No.: 12MN036

May 23, 2017

To: Back River Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Final Agenda for the Technical Meeting related to the NIRB's Review of Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation's Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum for the Back River Gold Mine Project proposal

Dear Parties:

On May 11, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) provided information on the upcoming Technical Meeting **to be held via teleconference on May 24, 2017** as part of the NIRB's assessment of Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation's (Sabina or Proponent) Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum (FEIS Addendum), submitted to supplement the NIRB's further Review of the Back River Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 12MN036). The NIRB requested that interested parties review the *draft* agenda for the Technical Meeting and provide input regarding the scheduling of agenda topics by May 18, 2017. Parties did not note any changes to the *draft* agenda and the NIRB has finalized the Technical Meeting agenda as attached in Appendix A. Parties should note that the agenda is a working document and is meant to guide the discussions during the teleconference. As such, it is subject to change as the meeting progresses. Upon re-convening after break times, the NIRB will provide parties with any updates to the agenda or notes on progress.

NEXT STEPS

The NIRB will be providing respective attending parties with the teleconference call-in number, as well as a copy of Sabina's presentation, under a separate correspondence.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the next steps in the Board's assessment of the Back River Project proposal, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4615 or dstpierre@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Appendix A – *Final* Technical Meeting Agenda

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Proponent: Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation
Location: *Teleconference moderated by NIRB staff*
Date: May 24, 2017
Times: 8:00 am – 11:00 am, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Mountain Standard Time (MST)**

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

- 8:00 – 8:15 am NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Objectives of Technical Meeting
 - Introduction of Participants
 - Housekeeping Items
 - Overview of Agenda
- 8:15 – 8:45 am Sabina Presentation - presentation to be circulated prior to teleconference
- 8:45 – 9:30 am Discussion on additional information presented in the FEIS Addendum on topics related to the physical environment including climate and meteorology, air quality, landforms and soils, vegetation and special landscape features as well as relevant mitigation, monitoring, and management plans
- 9:30 – 9:45 am Health Break***
- 9:45 am – 11:00 am Discussion on additional information presented in the FEIS Addendum on topics related to the physical environment including caribou and terrestrial wildlife, potential cumulative and transboundary effects, as well as relevant mitigation, monitoring, and management plans
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Break for Lunch***
- 12:00 – 12:45 pm Discussion on additional information presented in the FEIS Addendum on topics related to the physical environment including surface hydrology, freshwater water quality, freshwater fish/aquatic habitat, marine fish/aquatic habitat, marine fish community, as well as relevant mitigation, monitoring, and management plans
- 12:45 – 1:30 pm Discussion on additional information presented in the FEIS Addendum on topics related to the human environment including socio-economics, human health and environmental risk assessment, supplemental consultation, as well as other matters including accidents and malfunctions
- 1:30 – 1:45 pm Health Break***

- 1:45 – 2:30 pm Discussion on any outstanding issues related to the Back River Project proposal, including management plans
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm NIRB Discussion:
- Next steps and Final Hearing
 - Question and answer period for parties
 - Conclusion of Technical Meeting