



NIRB File No.: 12MN036

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Sent via email: mpickard@sabinagoldsilver.com

Re: NIRB's Project Certificate No. 007 for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Back River Gold Mine Project

Dear Matthew Pickard:

Pursuant to Sections 12.5.12 of Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (the *Nunavut Agreement*), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is pleased to issue the enclosed Project Certificate No. 007 for the Back River Gold Mine Project (NIRB File No. 12MN036) to Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. (Sabina).

The NIRB would like to thank the parties that provided input regarding planned implementation of terms and conditions from the NIRB's Revised Final Hearing Report, as well as noting useful clarification on the December 6, 2017 *draft* Project Certificate, prior to finalization by the Board. For the information of all parties, the NIRB has produced a companion document to the Project Certificate which identifies in tracked changes format all revisions made to the December 6, 2017 *draft* Project Certificate as a result of the Project Certificate workshop held via teleconference on December 14, 2017 (enclosed). The Project Certificate and related background materials can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

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

The NIRB's role is now to monitor the Back River Gold Mine Project in accordance with Part 7 of the *Nunavut Agreement*; the Board intends to appoint a Monitoring Officer to monitor the Project in accordance with the enclosed Project Certificate terms and conditions. The NIRB's

Monitoring Officer will serve as the lead contact for the NIRB on any project-specific coordination with other agencies as may be required.

The NIRB will now commence development of the framework for a project-specific monitoring program which, once complete, will be included as Appendix A to the Project Certificate. Please note that this framework cannot be issued in final form until key regulatory authorizations, including land use permits, water licenses, mineral leases, etc. are issued so that the monitoring program supplements and supports, but does not duplicate, the monitoring requirements in regulatory and land use instruments.

The NIRB expects to have its technical staff participate through all relevant licensing or permitting processes, including attending meetings and hearings as scheduled. The NIRB's technical staff will continue to be available to provide clarification regarding whether or not specific items have been addressed through the NIRB Review, and can assist with locating relevant information related to the Back River Gold Mine Project from the NIRB's public registry.

The NIRB looks forward to working with Sabina and all parties to ensure that the enclosed Project Certificate is fully implemented and achieves the identified objectives. If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the amended Project Certificate, please contact the NIRB's Executive Director, Ryan Barry directly at (867) 983-4608 or via email at rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Copland
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Back River Distribution List

Enclosure: NIRB Project Certificate No.: 007, NIRB File No. 12MN036 (December 19, 2017)
NIRB Project Certificate No.:007 Companion Doc, NIRB File No. 12MN036 (December 19, 2017)