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**NWB File No: 2AM-BPR----**

April 16, 2018

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**Subject: Application for the Water Licence No. 2AM-BRP----, Back River Project, Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.; Confirmation of Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference**

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Dear Mr. Pickard,

Further to the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) correspondence<sup>1</sup> of February 23, 2018, with respect to the technical review of the Type "A" water licence application 2AM-BRP---- and supporting documentation (Application) submitted by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. (Sabina or Applicant) for the Back River Project, the Board received, on April 4, 2018, comments from various intervening parties including:

- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC);
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC); and
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA).

Copies of the comments received from Intervening parties, submissions from the Applicant and all documents associated with the Application have been placed in the Board's Public Registry and made available through the NWB's FTP site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-BRP----%20Sabina/>

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<sup>1</sup> NWB File 180223 2AM-BRP---- Notice of Application & Technical Review-OEDE



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The Applicant is advised to review the above submissions as well as intervening parties' comments on the technical review of the Application in preparation for the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM/PHC). Nevertheless, the Applicant will be welcome to provide preliminary responses to the technical review comments before the Technical Meeting.

During the Technical Meeting the Applicant and intervening parties will be required to provide PowerPoint (or PDF) presentations pertaining to Sabina's Type "A" water licence application and the technical review submissions to the Board. It should be noted that intervening parties are expected to indicate during their presentations whether or not the issues that they have identified have been or will be addressed by Sabina to their satisfaction prior to the Hearing. Intervening parties are requested to provide an executive summary of their interventions complete with Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun translations to be made available in hard copy at the meeting.

In its previous correspondence dated February 23, 2018, the Board directed the staff of the NWB to hold a Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference (TM/PHC) in Cambridge Bay the week of April 30, 2018. The NWB is confirming and advises parties that **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2, 2018** and **Thursday, May 3, 2018** are now set as dates for the **Technical Meeting and Pre-hearing Conference**, respectively, in the **Community Hall, Cambridge Bay, Nunavut**.

Please find attached the proposed Agenda for the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference. As part of this Agenda the NWB is proposing to hold a community session during the evening of **May 1, 2018** to allow residents of Cambridge Bay to express views they may have regarding the Back River Project, the water licence application and/or to ask any questions to the Applicant and the intervening parties. The Applicant should be prepared to provide a summarized version of its PowerPoint presentation provided during the technical meeting for community session. To ensure that community members have access to the presentations in Inuktitut and English, paper copies of both versions of the presentation should be made available for distribution during the community session.

By copy of this letter, the Board is requesting that interested parties provide comments if necessary on the proposed Agenda and to **confirm their attendance** at the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference by 3:00 p.m. (MT) on **April 20, 2018**.

In addition, the NWB requests that all parties bring with them, copies of the application and correspondence/submission (either hard copy or electronic) for reference as required, as the NWB will likely only have a few hard copies available for viewing and for the Public.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the above, please contact Dave Baines, Technical Advisor, at (867) 360-6338 or by email at [dave.baines@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:dave.baines@nwb-oen.ca), or Karen Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services at (867) 360-6338 or by email at [karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca) for



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any technical inquiries, or Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing at (867) 360-6338, or by email [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) for any procedural or administrative inquiries.

Sincerely,

Karen Kharatyan  
Director of Technical Services  
Nunavut Water Board

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## **PROPOSED AGENDA**

### **TECHNICAL MEETING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE BACK RIVER PROJECT**

#### **TYPE “A” WATER LICENCE APPLICATION 2AM-BRP----**

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#### **TECHNICAL MEETING**

**Date:** May 1-2, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 5:00PM (MT)

**Location:** Cambridge Bay Community Hall

1. Introduction and Registration
2. Application to the Board, NWB Opening Remarks (15 Minutes)
3. Purpose of the Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference
4. Technical Review of the Application
  - a. Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. presentation on the Project (30Min)
  - b. Identification of Interested Parties
  - c. Presentations from Interested parties (30min/party)
  - d. Discussion of Commitments to Address Technical Issues
  - e. Formulation of Outstanding Issues

Health Breaks – 20-30 minutes

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#### **COMMUNITY SESSION**

**Date:** May 1, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:30 PM (MT)

**Location:** Cambridge Bay Community Hall

5. Overview of NWB process by NWB (15 minutes)
6. Presentation of Application by Applicant (30 minutes)
7. Presentation/statements by Intervening Parties (15 minutes/party)
8. Questions and comments from community

