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**File No: 2AM-BRP1831/
Amendment Application**

February 2, 2021

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Subject: Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831; Amendment Application by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.; Back River Project; Technical Review Update

Dear Mr. Pickard:

This correspondence is to inform you that the amendment application for Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831 (the Application) submitted by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. (Sabina) for the Back River Project has been reviewed by the interested parties, as requested in the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) correspondence, dated December 17, 2020¹.

On January 28, 2021 through February 2, 2021, comments were received from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA). These comments are provided in the attached files and can also be accessed through the following NWB FTP link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-BRP1831%20Sabina/2%20ADMIN/3%20SUBMISSIONS/>

The NWB would like to note that both the KIA and CIRNA indicated that “*Sabina is required to provide an updated Hydrodynamic model*”, as well as the information on the groundwater inflow parameters, for technical review of the file. As a response, Sabina committed to provide the outstanding Hydrodynamic model by February 12, 2021.

¹ R. Dwyer (NWB) to M. Pickard (Sabina); RE: Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831; Amendment Application by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.; Back River Project; December 17, 2020.

Therefore, the Board would like to provide an updated timetable for the Application to give the parties enough time to review the Hydrodynamic model prior to the Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference. Please note that the Board reserves the right to revise the next steps and timelines if circumstances dictate:

Steps Preceding Technical Meeting

February 12, 2021	Applicant to provide response(s) to technical review comments along with the Hydrodynamic model. Parties given an opportunity to review the provided information.
March 2, 2021	Submission of Parties' review comments regarding the Hydrodynamic model.
March 8, 2021	Submission of Applicant's responses to Parties review comments regarding the Hydrodynamic model.
March 11, 2021	Circulation of draft agenda for the Technical Meeting.
March 16, 2021	Submission of Applicant's and Interveners' presentations for the proposed technical meeting (including translated versions). Confirmation of attendance and receipt of draft agenda.
March 19, 2021:	Circulation of final agenda for the Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference.
March 23-24, 2021:	Technical Meeting / Pre-Hearing Conference

If you have any questions regarding procedural matters related to the file, please contact Richard Dwyer, Licensing Manager, at richard.dwyer@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867) 360-6338 (ext. 27). For any technical inquiries, please contact Sergey Kuflevskiy, Technical Advisor, at sergey.kuflevskiy@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at 867-360-6338, ext. 29, or Karén Kharatyan, Director of Technical Services, by e-mail to karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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Cc: Distribution List – Back River