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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

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

March 12, 2021

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**Subject: Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831; Amendment Application by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.; Back River Project; Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference Draft Agenda**

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Dear Mr. Pickard:

Further to the Nunavut Water Board's (NWB or Board) correspondence<sup>1</sup> dated February 2, 2021, with respect to the technical review of the amendment application for Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831 (the Application) submitted by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. (Sabina) for the Back River Project, the Board received, on March 1-2, 2021, comments from the following intervening parties:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

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

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

On March 12, 2021, the Applicant provided responses to the interveners' comments. The Applicant is advised to review all submissions, including the intervening parties' comments on the technical review

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Dwyer (NWB) to Matthew Pickard (Sabina); RE: Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831; Amendment Application by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.; Back River Project; Technical Review Update; February 2, 2021.

of the Application in preparation for the upcoming Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (TM/PHC).

The Board has directed the staff of the NWB to hold a teleconference TM/PHC during the week of March 22, 2021 and has tentatively scheduled the TM/PHC on **March 26, 2021**. Please note that the TM/PHC might continue on March 27, 2021, if additional time is required to discuss the issues raised during the TM.

In preparation for the TM and PHC, the Board has attached a copy of a draft agenda and requests that interested persons provide relevant comments to the NWB's Licensing Department at [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca) **by 3:00 p.m. MST, Wednesday, March 17, 2021**. In addition to comments on the Agenda, interested parties are asked to also provide the following information along with their submissions:

- Confirm the attendance of their organization, group or individual;
- Provide the names of the individuals who will be participating on their behalf in the TM and PHC respectively; and
- Identify whether they wish to make a formal presentation of their submissions during the TM/PHC.

Following receipt of this information, the NWB will distribute a final version of the Agenda in advance of the TM/PHC, including call-in information for the teleconference, as well as the names of the participating organizations and/or persons who have confirmed their attendance.

The Applicant and intervening parties intending to make presentations during the TM/PHC must provide to the NWB, for public distribution and posting on the Board's registry, copies of their presentation materials (including the Applicant's and Interveners' presentations). These materials should be provided in English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun **no later than 3:00 p.m. MST, March 17, 2020**. It should be noted that intervening parties are expected to indicate during their presentations whether the issues that they have identified were or will be addressed by Sabina to their satisfaction prior to the Public Hearing (PH).

As the date for the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference approaches, if any parties/persons have technical questions or require clarification with respect to the above information, please contact Sergey Kuflevskiy, Technical Advisor, by email at [sergey.kuflevskiy@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:sergey.kuflevskiy@nwb-oen.ca). For procedural and administrative inquiries, please contact Richard Dwyer, Manager of Licensing, by e-mail at [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca).

Sincerely,

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Richard Dwyer  
Manager of Licensing

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Attachment: TM/PHC Draft Agenda

Cc: Back River Distribution List



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## **DRAFT AGENDA**

### **TECHNICAL MEETING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

#### **BACK RIVER PROJECT – SABINA GOLD & SILVER CORP**

#### **WATER LICENCE (TYPE “A” LICENCE No: 2AM-BRP1831)**

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##### **Technical Meeting**

**Date: March 26, 2021**

**Time: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM (MT)**

**Via Teleconference: Call-in Information to be Provided with the Final Agenda**

1. Introduction
2. Opening remarks/Application to the Board (15 Minutes)
  - a. Overview of scope and procedural history of the Application
3. Purpose of the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference
4. Technical Review of the Application
  - a. Introduction of Participants
  - b. Presentation by Applicant (Sabina) (up to 45 minutes, excluding time for questions and answers)
    - i. Questions from Parties, other conference call participants and the NWB regarding the Applicant's Presentation
  - c. Identification of interested parties
  - d. Presentations by interested parties (up to 30 minutes, excluding time for questions and answers)
  - e. Formulation of outstanding issues
  - f. Identification of the parties' commitments to resolve relevant technical issues, service of documents to parties (deadline, public registry, form)
5. Closing of Technical Meeting



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## **Pre-Hearing Conference**

**Date: March 26, 2021**

**Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (MT)**

**Via Teleconference: Call-in Information to be Provided with the Final Agenda**

### **1. Pre-Hearing Conference**

- a. Identify issues that may prevent the Application from proceeding to a Public Hearing
- b. Discuss form, timing, and location of a potential Public Hearing for the Application
- c. Establish timetable for the pre-hearing exchange of information including:
  - i. preparation and filing of additional documents by the parties (deadlines, form, public registry)
  - ii. document-translation requirements
  - iii. documentation to be included in the Public Hearing Record
- d. Finalize list of issues to be addressed at the Public Hearing
- e. Identify interested parties in the Public Hearing
- f. Identify any changes required to the Application for the purposes of clarification
- g. Final procedures to be followed at the Public Hearing including:
  - i. requested modifications to the applicable NWB Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearings (May 2005)
  - ii. language requirements at the Hearing
- h. Consideration of any other matters that may aid in the simplification and disposition of the Application at the Public Hearing

### **2. Other issues**

### **3. Closing of the meetings.**