

File No: 2AM-BRP1831/ Amendment Application

May 13, 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 Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges receipt of Sabina's request<sup>1</sup> for additional time to complete the updated Hydrodynamic Model to address Commitment #3 provided in the Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) Decision Report.<sup>2</sup>

By copy of this letter, the NWB grants the extension for submission of the updated Hydrodynamic Model to May 27, 2021 (5:00 pm MST).

The NWB notes that as per the PHC Decision Report parties were to provide their comments regarding the additional Hydrodynamic Model details by May 31, 2021 and the final written submissions by June 15, 2021. Parties are now advised that their responses regarding additional Hydrodynamic Model details could be included <u>within their final written submissions</u>, in accordance with the following timetable (please note that the Board reserves the right to revise the next steps and timelines if circumstances dictate):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> M. Keefe (Sabina) to R. Dwyer (NWB) Email, RE: Back River Project, Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation Amendment Application for water licence 2AM-BRP1831, dated May 12, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nunavut Water Board, Pre-Hearing Conference Decision Regarding an Application for Amendment to the Type "A" Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831, dated April 19, 2021

## Steps Preceding Public Hearing

May 27, 2021:	Applicant to provide the updated Hydrodynamic Model.  Parties given an opportunity to review the provided information.
June 15, 2021:	Interveners to file their final written submissions for the Public Hearing along with the review comments regarding the Hydrodynamic Model.
June 25, 2021:	Applicant to file any further responses to the information filed by the Parties in advance of the Public Hearing and final written submissions with the Board.
July 6, 2021:	All parties intending to present to the Board during the Public Hearing to file any presentation materials upon which they intend to rely at the Public Hearing.
July 13-14, 2021:	Public Hearing conducted in-person in Cambridge Bay

The NWB would like to advise that any potential future extension for submissions could affect the Public Hearing (PH) process timelines. Therefore, the Board will appreciate if the parties could provide any such requests well before the respective deadlines.

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

Sincerely,

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Cc: Distribution List – Back River