MEMO

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Date	October 09, 2026
Subject	B2GN Responses to the 2025 Water License Annual Report Review Comments – Updates on CIRNAC Comment R-04 – Goose Tank Farm Liner Repairs

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

B2Gold Back River Corp (B2Gold Nunavut) received on July 08, 2026, from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) review comments on the 2025 Water License Annual Report for its Back River Gold Mine Project from three (3) Regulatory Bodies and/or Commenting Parties including Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA).

On August 02, 2026, B2Gold Nunavut provided responses to the Commenting Parties listed above in a report entitled ‘‘Back River Gold Mine Project 2025 Water License Annual Report: Responses to Review Comments’’. Two (2) of the three orders (listed below) which were part of the comments from CIRNAC were still pending completion at the time of the August 02nd submission:

- CIRNAC – R-03 associated with Echo Haul Road Culverts. This was an order and 180 days was given to B2Gold to complete the action.
- CIRNAC -R-04 associated with Goose Tank Farm Phase 2 Liner Damage. This was an order and 180 days was given to B2Gold to complete the action.

On August 10, 2026, B2Gold Nunavut sent to the NWB, responses on CIRNAC Comment R-03 (Order #1) associated with Echo Haul Road Culverts. B2Gold Nunavut inspected the culverts, cleared all obstructions from the in inflow and outflow of the culverts and included in the submission, documentation to confirm that the action was completed and the Order closed.

This submission is to provide updates on CIRNAC Comment R-04 (i.e., Order #2) associated with Goose Tank Farm Phase 2 Liner damage and to demonstrate that the action was completed and the Order can

now be closed. The following sections provide details of the requests from CIRNAC, actions taken by B2Gold Nunavut and supporting photographs.

Should you have any questions, comments, or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,



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CIRNAC Comment – R-04: Infrastructure & Engineering – Goose Tank Farm Phase 2 Liner Damage

- CIRNAC notes that the 2025 Annual Geotechnical Inspection (Table 3, Page 19) identifies that the liner system in Phase 2 of the Goose Tank Farm was observed to be damaged:
    - *"During a walkover inspection of the containment area, a damaged HDPE liner was observed at the toe of the northern berm of Phase 2 containment area."*
- The damaged liner is recommended to be exposed, inspected, and repaired:
    - *"The damaged liner should be exposed and inspected to assess the full extent of the tear. Repairs should be completed in accordance with project specifications and applicable liner repair procedures. Following repair, the area should be protected with the engineering fill material for protection."*
- Recommendation: (R-04) CIRNAC recommends that B2Gold Nunavut expose, inspect, and repair the damaged liner system within the Phase 2 Containment Area of the Goose Tank Farm, per the operational requirements outlined in the Project's Water Licence (Part D, Condition 20). This activity should be reported on/or within 180 days following the receipt of CIRNAC's comments.

B2Gold Response (October 09, 2026): Completed

- B2Gold Nunavut inspected and exposed areas of the liner that damaged and completed the repairs in accordance with project specifications and applicable liner repair procedures. Documentation is provided in selected photographs 1-10. Additional photos can be provided upon request.

	
Photo 1 (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner - Labourers shoveling gravels to expose damaged liner	**Photo 2** (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner - Labourers shoveling gravels to expose damaged liner

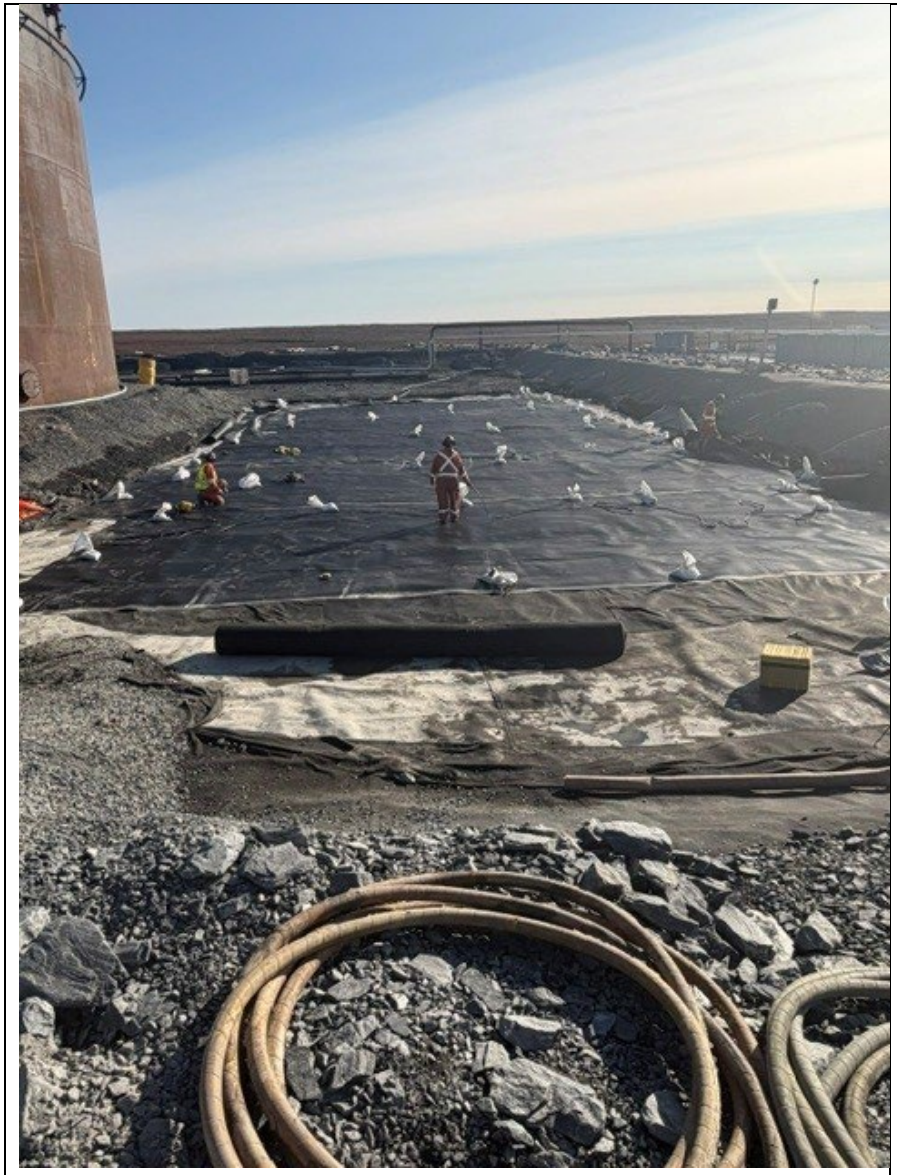


Photo 3 (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner being repaired



Photo 4 (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner being repaired

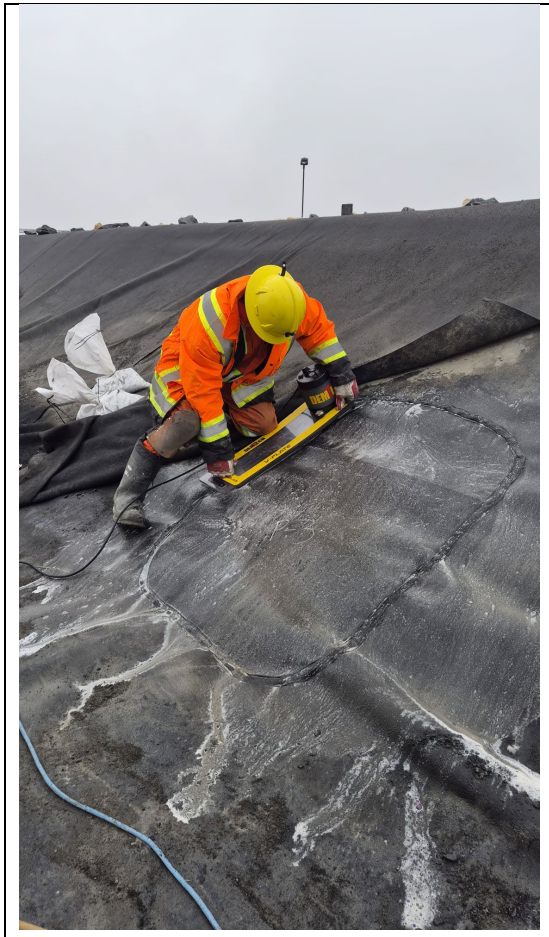
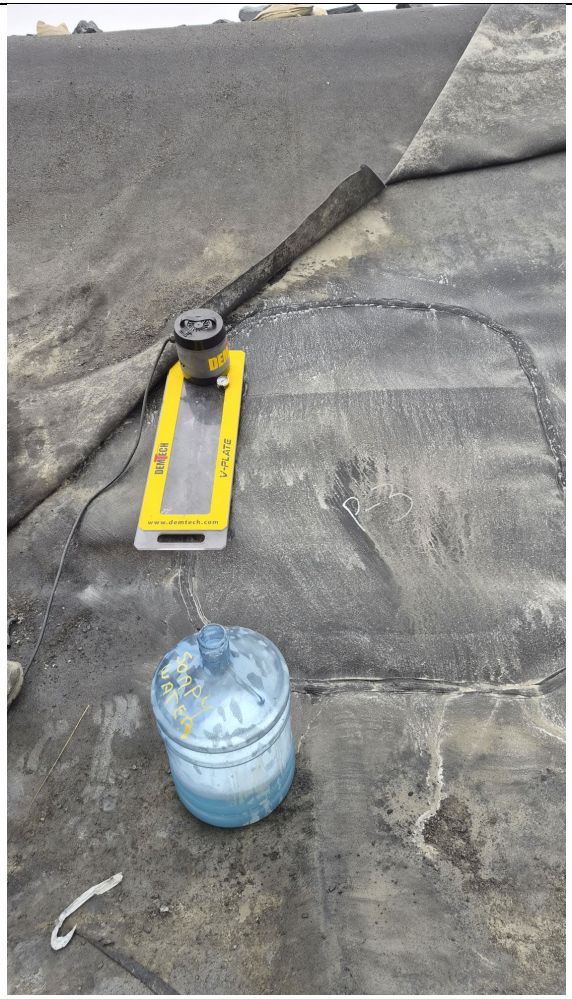
	
Photo 5 (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner being repaired	**Photo 6 (**September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner being repaired



Photo 7 (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner being repaired



Photo 8 (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner being repaired



Photo 9 (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner being repaired - 20mm gravels put over



Photo 10 (September 2026) – Tank Farm damaged liner being repaired - 20mm gravels put over