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2AM-BRP1831
Our file - Notre référence
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September 24, 2026

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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the Rascal Stream East Fishway and Diversion Berm Design for Goose Project, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-BRP1831

Dear Richard,

Thank you for the September 21, 2026 invitation to review the referenced design report submitted by B2Gold Nunavut for Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-BRP1831.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the report pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*. Please find CIRNAC's comment and recommendation in the attached Technical Memorandum.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (587) 338-6428 or sarah.forte@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or andrew .keim@ rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Technical Review Memorandum

Date: September 24, 2026

To: Richard Dwyer – Manager of Licensing, Nunavut Water Board

From: Sarah Forté – Regional Coordinator, CIRNAC

Subject: **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the Rascal Stream East Fishway and Diversion Berm Design for Goose Project, Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-BRP1831**

Region: ☒ Kitikmeot ☐ Kivalliq ☐ Qikiqtani

A. BACKGROUND

The Goose Mine is located in the Kitikmeot Region, 95 km southeast of the southern end of Bathurst Inlet, at the geographical coordinates 66°38'48"N, 107°41'19". It is owned and operated by B2Gold Back River Corporation (B2Gold) under Type A water licence 2AM-BRP1831.

The planned airstrip extension overprints Rascal Stream East, which is a fish bearing stream. A berm will be constructed to divert the stream through a constructed channel, as presented in the notice of construction provided by B2Gold on September 10, 2026. The notice includes a technical memo and issued for construction drawings, as well as an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan tailored for the work at Rascal Stream.

CIRNAC provides the following comment and recommendation pertaining to design report application package. A summary of the recommendation subject can be found in Table 1. Documents reviewed as part of this submission can be found in Table 2 of Section B. The detailed technical review comment can be found in Section C.

Table 1: Summary of Recommendation

Recommendation Number	Subject
R-01	Signature of appropriately qualified Engineer

B. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND REFERENCED

The following table (Table 2) provides a list of the documents reviewed under the submission and reference during the review.

Table 2: Documents Reviewed and Referenced

Document Title	Author, File No., Rev., Date
Rascal Stream East Fishway Design and Construction at Goose Mine Site	Macoura Koné, B2Gold Nunavut, September 10, 2026
Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831 (Amendment No. 1)	Nunavut Water Board, August 31, 2021

C. RESULTS OF REVIEW

1. Signature of appropriately qualified Engineer

Comment:

The water licence requires that construction drawings have the signature and seal of the appropriately qualified Engineer, where required. Since the drawings and report provided are for engineered structures designed to divert and convey water, they should be signed by an Engineer. Neither the report provided in Appendix 1 nor the construction drawings in Appendix 2 have been signed by an Engineer registered in Nunavut.

Recommendation:

(R-01) CIRNAC recommends that B2Gold provide copies of the report and construction drawings for the Rascal Stream East diversion and berm that have been signed by an appropriately qualified Engineer.