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RE: NWB Technical Review of 2024 Winter Ice Road Technical Memorandum for the Back River Project; Water Licence No. 2AM-BRP1831

Dear Mr. Keefe:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) has completed a technical review of the 2024 Winter Ice Road Technical Memorandum (the Memorandum) received on February 23, 2024, the NWB acknowledged receipt of the Memorandum and provided it to the Back River distribution list for information.

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) submitted comments before the deadline of March 8, 2024. B2Gold submitted a response on March 24, 2024. On March 25, 2024, ECCC confirmed that their concerns were addressed by the Licensee's responses. KIA confirmed on April 2, 2024, that their concerns were addressed.

A summary of comments received, and the Licensee's responses, follows:

Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)

1. The KIA pointed out an error in the date stated in Section 4 of the memo.

B2Gold's Response: The Licensee confirmed that it was an error and the correct date was January 2024.

2. The KIA requested the status of the summer terrain conditions along the WIR corridor to have a better understanding of the potential impact of the WIR on the terrain.

B2Gold's Response: The Licensee stated that they have upgraded the subbase of the Winter Ice Road (WIR) section with a thin layer of aggregate placed along the base of the WIR. Further they have stated that "*B2Gold Nunavut commits to completing a 2024 summer survey*

of the terrain and surface drainage conditions between Bathurst Inlet and Bathurst Lake as requested by the KIA, and will provide this information within its 2024 Annual Report.”

3. KIA inquired about how the Licensee plans on recovering the sand along the alignment, as mentioned in Section 6 of the memo.

B2Gold's Response: The Licensee stated that any minor amounts of sands transferred from a portage onto a frozen waterbody would be scraped off of the frozen waterbody with equipment prior to melt and road close.

4. KIA requested the Licensee to confirm the use of fish screens on all intake pipes/hoses used to draw water for road construction.

B2Gold's Response: The Licensee confirmed that fish screens are used for all water intakes.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

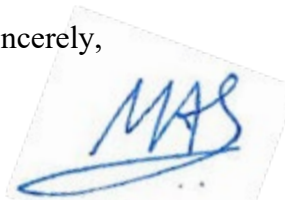
1. ECCC pointed out an error in the date stated in Section 4 of the memo.

B2Gold's Response: The Licensee confirmed that it was an error and the correct date was January 2024.

The technical review of the Memorandum found that the information addresses the requirements of the Licence.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Mohammad Ali Shaikh, at ali.shaikh@nwb-oen.ca or (867) 360-6338 (extension 33), at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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