



to the Undertaking. The NPC in its June 9, 2020 correspondence¹ confirmed that this Project Proposal was outside the area with an applicable regional land use plan. Additionally, the NPC indicated that although the activities associated with this Project Proposal had been previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) (NIRB File No: 12MN036), the Project Proposal is a significant modification to the previously approved activities, *“because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the Project”*. On this basis, the NPC determined that a screening level assessment of the Project Proposal by the NIRB was required. On August 11, 2020, the NIRB issued the NIRB’s direction² regarding the Project Proposal, which stated that a further assessment of the Project Proposal is not required under Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*.

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the above referenced Licence requires your approval and, as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision including the Record of Proceedings along with a copy of Amended Water Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831 for your consideration.

Should you have any questions, require clarification with respect to the above or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie
Nunavut Water Board, Chair
LT/sk/rqd

Enclosure: **Amended Licence No: 2AM-BRP1831**
Reasons for Decision

cc. Back River Distribution List

¹ Peter Scholz (NPC) to Richard Dwyer (NWB) and others, RE: “NPC file # 149378 [Back River 2020 Modification Package], dated June 9, 2020.

² Kaviq Kaluraq (NIRB) to Matthew Pickard (Sabina), RE: Nunavut Impact Review Board Direction Regarding the “Back River Project 2020 Modification Package” submitted by Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. in relation to the Back River Project, dated August 11, 2020.