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Dear Mr. Toomasie:

Thank you for the Nunavut Water Board's correspondence of August 31, 2021, received by the Department on September 1, 2021, conveying the Board's reasons for decision and recommendation that I approve amendments to the existing Type A Water Licence (2AM-BRP1831 – Amendment No. 1) to reflect changes to the existing operations and infrastructure associated with the construction and operation of Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Back River Project and specific changes to the existing use of water and deposit of waste associated with the mining undertaking.

In accordance with subsection 56(2) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the Licence Amendment (2AM-BRP1831 – Amendment No. 1), as recommended by the Nunavut Water Board. The signed original is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Hon. Daniel Vandal, P.C., M.P.

Encl.

c.c.: Ms. Stephanie Autut
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President Stanley Anablak

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