

NIRB File No. 05MN047

June 20, 2012

Terry MacGibbon TMAC Resources Inc. 40 King Street West Suite 2100 Toronto, ON M5H 3C2

Sent via email: <u>tmacgibbon@tmacresources.com</u>

Re: <u>Term and Condition 30 - Response to TMAC's proposed change to air quality reporting schedule at Doris North Gold Mine during care and maintenance</u>

Dear Terry MacGibbon:

On October 23, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or the Board) received the 2012 Air Quality Report for the Doris North Gold Mine Project (the Project) from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. ¹ (HBML) as required by Condition 30 of the NIRB's Project Certificate (No. 003) as issued for the Doris North Project on September 15, 2006. The NIRB notes this report stated that:

As Doris Camp will now be closed on a seasonal basis, HBML has requested that the air quality reporting requirement be annual rather than every six months. Hence, starting for 2012, all data obtained from 2012 are included in this report.

On October 24, 2012 the NIRB distributed the report for comment until November 23, 2012. The NIRB did not receive any comments in regards to the report, including the proposed change in reporting. On November 28, 2012 the NIRB received an updated Air Quality Management Plan from HBML which reiterated the requested change to air quality reporting from every six months to once annually.

Information pertaining to air quality at Doris North, including the current request and the Proponent's Air Quality Management Plan can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH%20GOLD%20MINE/02-MONITORING%20AND%20MANAGEMENT%20PLANS/AIR%20QUALITY%20PLAN/.

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¹ Note that the NIRB received confirmation on April 11, 2013 that TMAC Resources Inc. had acquired the Doris North Project from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. and on April 11, 2013 re-issued the NIRB Project Certificate No. 003 to TMAC Resources Ltd.

Following a review of the Proponent's request and comments received, the NIRB supports HBML's suggested approach to reporting air quality on an annual basis rather than every six months while the Project remains in care and maintenance and the camp remains seasonal. The NIRB notes however, that at any time that the camp moves out of seasonal operations or the Project moves out of care and maintenance into any other phase (i.e. construction, operations, decommissioning, etc.), the Proponent is required to advise the NIRB of these changes in order that air quality reporting frequency may be revisited in light of amended project activities.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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