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Re: TMAC Responses to Information Requests and Next Steps for the NIRB and NWB Processes Relating to TMAC's Doris North Amendment Application

## Dear Catherine Farrow:

On December 9, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) received an application from TMAC Resources Inc. (TMAC) for proposed modifications to the Doris North Gold Mine Project (the Project) and related amendments to the NIRB Project Certificate [No. 003] and the NWB Type A Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713 (known collectively as the "amendment application").

As a part of the NIRB's reconsideration of the Doris North Project Certificate pursuant to section 12.8.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and the NWB's process to amend the Type A Water Licence associated with the Doris North Project, both Boards offered interested parties an opportunity to submit information requests (IRs), the responses to which would assist parties in developing their technical review comments. By March 10, 2014 both the NIRB and the NWB had received information requests which were forwarded on to TMAC for response. On April 22, 2014 the NIRB and the NWB received TMAC's response to all IRs received from parties. In addition, in the email accompanying the submission TMAC indicated that supplemental information to the response had been submitted via regular post<sup>1</sup>, and the cover letter detailed that information regarding additional amendment activities would be submitted for consideration by the NIRB and the NWB "in the near future".

The NIRB and the NWB appreciate the Proponent providing a timely response to IRs and an indication of its intention to file additional amendment information with the Boards. However in

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The NIRB confirms that this supplemental information was received in hard copy on April 23, 2014. The NWB had not received the supplemental materials as of the date of this letter.

the interests of ensuring that the complete scope of proposed modifications to the Project are fully considered and reviewed in an integrated fashion, the NIRB and the NWB will not proceed to the technical review stage of the reconsideration and amendment application until such time as TMAC is able to provide the NIRB and the NWB with the complete list and supporting information regarding all proposed modifications to be considered by the Boards. The comprehensive and integrated technical review of TMAC's overall revised plans for the Project by the Boards and all participants to the NIRB reconsideration and NWB licence amendment will commence when the information regarding all the Project modifications to be considered by the Boards has been provided.

Furthermore, in response to TMAC's April 22, 2014 request that the NIRB and the NWB provide written guidance with respect to the anticipated coordination of their respective processes, the NIRB and the NWB have included the enclosed anticipated process outline and timeline to provide a general overview of the expected coordination of processes for this reconsideration and amendment application. The NIRB and the NWB note, however, that the information provided is an *anticipated* process and timeline, and the Boards reserve the right to modify, as considered reasonable and necessary, to reflect developing circumstances, any of the processes outlined, including the proposed coordination steps and timelines.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification regarding next steps in the NIRB's reconsideration of the Doris North Project Certificate please contact Kelli Gillard, the NIRB's Monitoring Officer for the Doris North Project at (867) 983-4619 or via email at <a href="mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca">kgillard@nirb.ca</a>. For questions relating to the NWB's water licensing process, please contact Sonia Aredes, NWB Technical Advisor at (867) 360-6338 or via email at sonia.aredes@nwb-oen.ca.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: Anticipated Process Map - NIRB NWB Coordination for Proposed Modifications to TMAC's

Doris North Gold Project (April 30, 2014)