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Re: Comment Request for TMAC Resources Inc.'s Annual Report for Doris North Gold Mine Project

Ms. Gillard,

On May 27, 2014, as per Section 12.7 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and Appendix D of the Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate [No. 003], the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) requested parties to review the Doris North 2013 Annual Report with respect to effects and compliance monitoring. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has conducted a review in areas under our mandate as they pertain to compliance and effects monitoring. We would like to provide comments for NIRB's consideration as follows:

1) Compliance Monitoring

- ***Confirm compliance with, and provide information on, any instances of non-compliance, to all licences, permits, or authorizations that have been issued; and***

The AANDC Water Use Inspection Report for an inspection conducted on July 8-9, 2013, indicates non-compliance according to Part I, item 5 of the Type A water licence: All sumps and fuel caches located >30m from high water mark of any adjacent water body. The fuel tank in question, located at Frozen Core Dam, was removed according to TMAC's 2013 Annual Report and placed according to the water licence requirements.

- ***Confirmation as to whether any inspections were completed during the 2013 reporting period, and if so, provide a summary of the results of those inspections.***



A water licence and Crown lease inspection was carried out on July 8 and 9 of 2013 by an AANDC inspector with generally acceptable outcomes. A summary of the inspection report is as follows:

- The AANDC inspector had positive comments overall, with the exception of two issues under falling under General Conditions: Erosion at the toe of the Robert's Bay Jetty and waste along the shore were noted during the inspection. Geotextile waste was also noted floating in the water. In addition to this, as mentioned in the previous section, the fuel tank at Frozen Core Dam was found to be within 30m of the high water mark of the adjacent water body. The inspection report indicates required action to be taken in order to rectify the above-mentioned issues.
- According to TMAC's 2013 Annual Report, necessary action was taken to repair the Roberts Bay Jetty prior to sealift, debris along the shore and geotextiles found in the water were removed, and the fuel tank for the TIA dewatering pump at the North Dam was removed according to compliance requirements.

2) Effects Monitoring

AANDC has reviewed the socio-economic monitoring program report submitted by TMAC Resources and has no comment at this time. The report was discussed with the members of the Kitikmeot Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee in November 2013. AANDC anticipates continuing to collaborate with the Government of Nunavut and TMAC Resources on the socio-economic monitoring program as the project develops.

AANDC appreciates the opportunity to work with the NIRB throughout the monitoring of the Doris North project. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact James Neary at (867) 975-4549 or by e-mail at James.Neary@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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