

NIRB File No.: 05MN047

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Sent via email: john.roberts@tmacresources.com

Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding TMAC Resources Inc.'s "Doris North Gold Mine Project 2013 Annual Report"

Dear John Roberts:

On May 27, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) invited interested parties to review TMAC Resources Inc.'s (TMAC) *Doris North Gold Mine Project 2013 Annual Report*. As required by Section 12.7 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and provisions prescribed in the Project Certificate [No. 003] – Appendix D, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. The NIRB requested that interested parties review the *Doris North Gold Mine Project 2013 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by June 27, 2014.

On or before June 27, 2014 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
- Environment Canada (EC)
- Transport Canada (TC)

All comments received and pertaining to this file can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH%20GOLD%20MINE/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/2013/03-Comments/

Within the comment submission¹, the GN detailed its concerns with TMAC's use of remote cameras for wildlife monitoring purposes as presented in its 2013 *Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan*. In its comments, the GN noted that both the study design and rationale for the location of remote cameras within the study area for both the 2012 and 2013 assessment years remained unclear.

The NIRB would like to provide TMAC with an opportunity to address these comments prior to the submission of the *Monitoring Officer Report* and requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **September 23, 2014**. If TMAC is unable to provide a response by this date, please provide an indication on an anticipated date of submission by September 23, 2014.

Please send your submission to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require further clarification please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or <u>kgillard@nirb.ca</u> or Kristina Benoit, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4607 or <u>kbenoit@nirb.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

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Monitoring Officer

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Alex Buchan, TMAC Resources Inc.

Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association Luigi Torretti, Kitikmeot Inuit Association Agnes Simonfalvy, Government of Nunavut

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¹ Correspondence dated June 27, 2014 from A. Simonfalvy (Government of Nunavut) to K. Gillard (NIRB), available from: http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH%20GOLD%20MINE/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/2013/03-Comments/140708-05MN047-GN%20Comments%20REVISED-IA1E.pdf