



## NEWS RELEASE

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**Nunavut Impact Review Board issues amended project certificate for TMAC Resources Inc.'s Doris North Gold Mine Project addressing 2015 Amendment Application.**

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU – September 23, 2016 – The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has issued an amended Project Certificate No. 003 to TMAC Resources Inc. (TMAC or Proponent) to address the 2015 Amendment Application proposal for the Doris North Gold Mine Project. The amended Project Certificate consists of 34 revised terms and conditions, 1 removed term and condition, and 14 new terms and conditions designed to address the potential adverse effects of the “2015 Amendment Application” project proposal, as approved by the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs on August 29, 2016.

The Doris North Gold Mine Project is located in the Kitikmeot Region, approximately 110 kilometres (km) south of Cambridge Bay, and 65 km east of Omingmaktok on Inuit-owned land. Originally approved in 2006 following an extensive public review by the NIRB, the Doris North Gold Mine Project consisted of the Doris North mine site (main mine site), Roberts Bay development connected by a 4.8 km all-weather road part of which also functions as an airstrip. The main site is comprised of: underground mine portal to access the Doris Hinge zone; a crusher and mill; fuel tank farm; office complex, workshops, and accommodations; power generation plant; sewage treatment plant; construction of 2 frozen core dams for the creation of a tailing impoundment area; and quarry areas A, B, D, and 3. The Roberts Bay laydown area includes a jetty, fuel tank farm, and supplies laydown areas.

Following the issuance of the original Project Certificate in 2006 for the Doris North Gold Mine Project, TMAC applied to the NIRB for a formal reconsideration of the Project Certificate terms and conditions in June 2015 to allow for an amendment to the approved activities and infrastructure. The proposed amendment included extension of the operational mine life from 2 years to 6 years to access two additional mineralized zones (Doris Connector and Doris Central zones) via the existing Doris North portal. The expanded mining program would also increase the mining and milling rates from 720 tonnes per day to 2,000 tonnes per day, and require the restructuring of the Tailings Impoundment Area to manage subaerial tailings, as well as discharge up to 7,000 cubic metres of saline water per day into Roberts Bay.

Given the nature and scope of the proposed changes, the NIRB undertook a public technical review of the proposal under Section 12.8.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, conducting community information sessions and a public hearing as part of its assessment of the proposal. On June 13, 2016 the NIRB issued a public hearing report to the responsible government ministers, recommending that the 2015 Amendment Application proposal be approved to proceed pursuant to the additional and revised terms and conditions set out in the Board's report.

In correspondence received August 29, 2016 the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, responding on behalf of the various responsible ministers, accepted the NIRB's report and recommendation, inclusive of the July 22, 2016 report correction. On September 20, 2016 following receipt of the Minister's approval and prior to issuing the amended Project Certificate, the NIRB facilitated a Project Certificate Workshop to discuss implementation of the Project Certificate terms and conditions and to determine whether any additional commentary would be necessary.

All information related to the NIRB's reconsideration of the terms and conditions of the Doris North Project Certificate No. 003 can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Doris North Mine
- NIRB File No.: 05MN047
- Application No.: 123632

Translations of the amended Project Certificate are being prepared and will be distributed as soon as it becomes available.

The NIRB looks forward to continuing working with parties on the monitoring program for the Doris North Gold Mine Project and will be providing regular updates on the implementation of the Doris North Project Certificate moving forward.

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