



NIRB File No.: **09RN066**

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INAC File No.: **N2009F0015**

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Via email: pmanojlovic@sabinagoldsilver.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Amendment Request with INAC for the Sabina Winter Roads project proposal

Dear Peter Manojlovic:

On January 11, 2010, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment to Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s (Sabina) *Winter Roads* project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 09RN066) was received by the NIRB from INAC on October 19, 2009. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on November 30, 2009 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions. Original project components and activities included the following:

- Construction of winter road route between the George Lake and Goose Lake camps (per file 04RN015);
- Construction of winter road route between the George Lake and Hackett River camps (approximately 60 kilometres in length);
- Finalized route selection to be based upon environmental conditions, determined via helicopter and/or snow machine reconnaissance trips;
- Temporary survival tents (1-2) to be established along the winter road routes, for the duration of permitted activities only;
- Redistribution of current inventory of equipment and materials (including chemicals) via Cat-haul transportation between the George Lake, Goose Lake, and Hackett River camps;
- Fuel and supplies delivered daily to personnel along the routes, with removal of waste material to camp as required;
- Clean-up of the routes in preparation for closure; and
- Abandonment and restoration of road routes upon completion of transportation activities.

Sabina is proposing to amend their LUP to include the following additional components and activities to further assist in their annual re-supply of the Hackett River camp and Wishbone exploration project:

- Construction and operation of an ice airstrip at D'Arcy Lake including:
 - Use of Hercules aircraft at airstrip
 - Airstrip operation for up to sixty days between February 20 and May 31, 2010
- Construction and use of a winter road route (approximately 2 kilometres in length) between the D'Arcy Lake and the previously permitted winter road between Hackett River and George Lake camps (INAC LUP No. 2009F0015)

The INAC application for the current amendment and materials pertaining to the original NIRB screening file (09RN066) are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/09RN066-Sabina%20Silver%20Corp-Winter%20Roads/1-SCREENING/>.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or

(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”

The NIRB is of the opinion that Sabina's current request to amend its LUP constitutes a component or activity that was not part of the original project proposal. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached November 30, 2009 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate.

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA, the NIRB shall proceed to screen the amended project activities as listed above. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying interested parties and municipalities most affected by Sabina's amendment proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **February 1, 2010**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the amended activities are likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the amended activities are likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the amended activities are of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

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

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email at ahanson@nirb.ca or by phone at 867-983-4615.

Sincerely,



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 Spencer Dewar, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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Attachment: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 09RN066 (November 30, 2009)
 Comment Form