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NWB File No: 8BC-BRP----

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Subject: Application Acknowledgement for the Sabina Gold & Silver Gold Project

Dear Mr. Pickard:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt on September 13, 2017 of your new water licence application, for the Sabina Gold & Silver Corp Project. This application has been assigned file number 8BC-BRP----. Please refer to this number on future submissions. Application documents received are as follows:

- D1 Road Management Plan Version 2, August 2017
- D2 Fuel Management Plan Version 2, August 2017
- D3 Quarry Management Plan Version 2, August 2017
- D4 Comprehensive Spill Contingency Plan, August 2017
- D5 Interim Closure & Reclamation Plan Version 2, August 2017
- D6 Environmental Management & Protection Plan Version 2, August 2017
- D7 Oil Pollution Emergency Plan, August 2017
- General Water Licence Application with Cover Letter, September 13, 2017
- Main Application Supporting Document Version 2, September 2017
- Appendix B Concordance Assessment Mining and Milling Supplemental Information Guideline (SIG) for Mineral Exploration / Remote Camp (MM1) Modified for Development Works Back River Project, September 2017, and
- SBB NWB Preliminary Review Response

Please be advised that under the Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement) Article 11, Section 11.5.9 and s. 76 (1) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the proponent of a project governed by NuPPAA is also required to submit a project proposal document (which may include the water licence application) directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or

Commission) for the NPC's determination regarding the applicable land use planning requirements and/or directions regarding whether the project is subject to screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board. In particular, please note that as established under Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Nunavut Agreement, NuPPAA and Part 3 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, until the project has completed the applicable land use planning and assessment process required by the NPC and the NIRB, the NWB cannot issue a water licence.

The NWB confirms receipt of NPC conformity under NuPPAA on February 27, 2017, and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada decision on NIRB Revised Final Hearing Report regarding Back River Gold Mine Project, dated December 5, 2017. This application is now ready for review and comments. Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2017.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or email to licensing@nwb-oen.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Licensing Administrator

Cc: Technical Advisor Sean Joseph

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