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Via email: [mpickard@sabinagoldsilver.com](mailto:mpickard@sabinagoldsilver.com)

**Re: Application Pending Referral from an Authorizing Agency for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s "Back River Site Preparation" Project Proposal**

Dear Matthew Pickard:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation's (Sabina or Proponent) "Back River Site Preparation" project proposal from your office on October 20, 2014. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *Cover Letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board*
- *Applications for authorizations from the following agencies:*
  - *Nunavut Water Board*
  - *Fisheries and Oceans Canada*
  - *Kitikmeot Inuit Association*
- *Various plans and reports filed as appendices to authorization applications*

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Once the NIRB receives a referral from an authorizing agency, the Board will commence its consideration of the application(s) submitted as pertaining to this proposal and in accordance with Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, will report to the Government Minister(s) responsible for authorizing the project.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly at (867) 983-4610 or via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Stephanie Taptuna  
Environmental Administrator  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board  
Geoffrey Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada  
Georgina Williston, Fisheries and Oceans Canada