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Mr. Stanley Anablak
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Via email: kiapresident@giniq.com

Dear Mr. Anablak:

Thank you for your letter of August 24, 2016, in regard to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's Final Hearing Report respecting Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.'s Back River Gold Mine Project.

You have expressed your conditional support for the project and satisfaction with the proponent's proposed monitoring and mitigation programs for caribou. You have also conveyed your confidence in the ability of regulatory agencies, including the Nunavut Water Board, to address remaining project concerns.

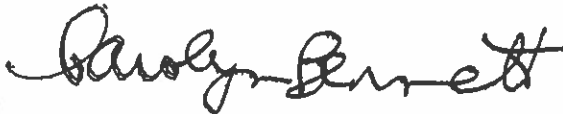
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada is working closely with the other responsible Ministers, those of Fisheries and Oceans, Natural Resources, and Transport, to review the Final Hearing Report and our decision options. Upon completion of the review, the responsible Ministers will make a decision as required pursuant to Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. I would like to assure you that the ecosystemic and socioeconomic impacts and benefits of the Back River Project will be fully considered before any decision is issued. Once a decision has been made, I will communicate my decision on behalf of the responsible Ministers to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

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Again, I would like to thank you for bringing your views to the Government of Canada's attention.

Sincerely,

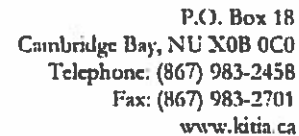
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Bennett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Hunter Tootoo, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Peter Taptuna, M.L.A.
The Honourable Keith Peterson, M.L.A.
The Honourable Tony Akoak, M.L.A.
The Honourable Emiliano Qirngnuq, M.L.A.
Ms. Cathy Towtongie
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From: <carolyn.bennett@parl.gc.ca>
To: <Minister@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca>
Date: 8/25/2016 4:05 PM
Subject: FW: NIRB Hearing Report June 1
Attachments: image003.jpg; Letter to Hon. Carolyn Bennett Minister INAC - NIRB Sabina gold Silver Corp's project- August 24 2016.pdf

From: Peggy Adjun [mailto:landsadmin@kitia.ca]
Sent: August 25, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Bennett, Carolyn - M.P.
Cc: Geoff Clark; 'Paul Emingak'; president@kitia.ca
Subject: NIRB Hearing Report June 1

Good day,
Attached is letter NIRB June 15, 2016 Hearing Report Sabina Gold & Silver Back River Gold Mine Project.

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