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Re: 171207 8BC-BRP---- Distribution Review & Comment Request New Application Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. Back River Project Kitikmeot Region-AdelineOAAE

Matthew Pickard <mpickard@sabinagoldsilver.com> To: "Becker, Madeline" < Madeline.Becker@dfo-mpo.gc.ca> Fri, Dec 29, 2017 at 11:09 AM

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Madeline.

We can provide your the requested information or point to it within our FEIS. We can do that early next week. Just one guestion though, some of this has been advanced with the Yellowknife office. I'm just checking to ensure we have the right point of contact moving forward. Is this application going through you or the Yellowknife office?

Thanks, Matthew

On Dec 29, 2017, at 1:01 PM, Becker, Madeline Madeline.Becker@dfo-mpo.gc.ca wrote:

Good afternoon Matthew, my name is Madeline Becker, and I am a Fisheries Protection Biologist working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

DFO received your water licence application, and will be reviewing it under the Fisheries Act. After reviewing the applications, I have a few follow-up questions/comments that I would like you to address.

- You are planning on using 297 m³ of water per day, for the purpose of dust suppression, winter road construction and maintenance. Please provide me with the location from which you are extracting this water from. This should include:
 - the name and type of water body (is water being extracted from a lake?);
 - the fish species found in the water body;
 - the approximate volume of water that the water body contains (to determine the percentage of extraction for the project);
- Will there be any construction work occurring in-water below the High Water Mark (HWM- the 2-year flood water levels), this could include installing pumps, infilling streams, installing culverts etc.
- If culverts are being installed, what are the current and proposed dimensions?

Thanks for your time. This information will allow me to review your project to determine if fish or fish habitat will be affected by the proposed work. The deadline for comments is January 15th, 2018, so hopefully you can get back to me by then.

Take care and happy holidays.

Madeline Becker

Fisheries Protection Biologist

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To: Matthew Pickard **Cc:** Licensing Department

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Back River Project Kitikmeot Region-OAAE

December 7, 2017

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 Indigenbous 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 <u>January 15, 2017</u>.

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

Sincerely,

Ida Porter

Licensing Administrator

Cc: Technical Advisor Sean Joseph

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