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Re: 8BC-BRP---- – New Water Licence for Pre-Development Works – Back River Project – Sabina Gold and Silver Corporation (Sabina).

Please be advised that Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has completed a review of Sabina's New Water Licence application 8BC-BRP---- (Back River Project) submitted by Sabina. The NWB circulated the new water licence application for comments on December 19, 2014. All documents related to the request posted on the NWB ftp site under 8BC-BRP---- were included in my review

AANDC's review of this project under the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) process was complex and as such the Water Resources Division would like to defer from commenting on this water licence review process until NIRB has finalized its review process.

AANDC would be willing to further engage and make representations to the Nunavut Water Board in the review of this water licence process after reviewing the NIRB decision.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4282 or by email at Ian.Parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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