



NIRB File No.: **09RN066**

Previous NIRB File No.: 04RN015

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Previous INAC File No.: N2004F0006

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Via email: pmanojlovic@sabinasilver.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Sabina Silver Corporations' Winter Road project proposal

Dear Peter Manojlovic:

On October 19, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Sabina Silver Corporation's (Sabina or 'the Proponent') *Winter Road* project proposal from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **09RN066** – please reference this file number in all future correspondence.

The proposed project is located approximately 100 kilometres south of the nearest community of Kingaok (Bathurst Inlet) in the West Kitikmeot region of Nunavut. As no approved Land Use Plan is in place for the West Kitikmeot region, the Nunavut Planning Commission is not required to make a conformity determination for this project.

In addition to the above application for a Land Use Permit from INAC, Sabina has also requested the renewal of an existing Land Use Permit previously issued to Dundee Precious Metals Inc. for a winter road located between Sabina's recently acquired Goose Lake and George Lake camps. The winter road between Goose Lake and George Lake camps was screened by the NIRB in 2004 and allowed to proceed in accordance with Section 12.4.4 (a) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), subject to project-specific terms and conditions contained within the NIRB's Screening Decision (NIRB File No. 04RN015). The Proponent has applied for a one year authorization for the currently proposed winter road routes (March 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011), with a period of operation lasting for three weeks sometime during the months of March and April 2010.

In recognition of Sabina's recent acquisition of the Goose Lake and George Lake properties, and in order to manage all related filing and permit applications, the NIRB is hereby consolidating the previous NIRB file 04RN015 with this current file, **09RN066**.

The proposed project activities include:

- Construction of winter road route between the George Lake and Goose Lake camps (per file 04RN015);
- Construction of winter road route between the George Lake and Hackett River camps (approximately 60 metres in length);
- Finalized route selection to be based upon environmental conditions, determined via helicopter and/or snow machine reconnaissance trips;
- Temporary survival tents (1-2) to be established along the winter road routes, for the duration of permitted activities only;
- Redistribution of current inventory of equipment and materials (including chemicals) via Cat-haul transportation between the George Lake, Goose Lake, and Hackett River camps;
- Fuel and supplies delivered daily to personnel along the routes, with removal of waste material to camp as required;
- Clean-up of the routes in preparation for closure; and
- Abandonment and restoration of road routes upon completion of transportation activities.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal, including the previous file (04RN015), can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at

<ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/09RN066-Sabina%20Silver%20Corp-Winter%20Roads/1-SCREENING/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 2 PSIR Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 2 PSIR Table in English*
- *INAC LUP Application Form in English*
- *Map*
- *Non technical Project Proposal Summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal Summary in Inuinnaqtun*
- *Non technical Project Proposal Summary in Inuktitut*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA, the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening related correspondence and will upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying interested parties and municipalities most affected by Sabina's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **November 16, 2009**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 867-983-4615 or via email at ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: NIRB Comment Form (English and Inuinnaqtun)