

File No: 2BE-GEO2530

October 16, 2025

Merle Keefe Manager – Environment B2Gold Back River Corp. Park Place, Suite 3400 – 666 Burrard St.

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RE: NWB Technical Review of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 Annual Reports for the George Lake Property, Back River Project; Water Licence No: 2BE-GEO2530

Dear Mr. Keefe,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has completed a technical review of the 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 Annual Reports for the Type B Water Licence 2BE-GEO2530.

On March 31, 2025, the NWB acknowledged receipt of the Annual Report and provided it to the Kitikmeot distribution list for information. No comments or concerns have been received to date.

The Board notes that the George Lake exploration camp was not in use in the years 2021, 2022 and 2024, no water use or waste disposal occurred in these years. The George Lake exploration camp was operational between March and July 2023. The Board notes that there was a site inspection on June 19, 2022, in which the Inspector revealed some concerns. B2Gold responded to the Inspectors concerns on September 11, 2022.

The technical review of the Annual Reports, found that the information addresses the requirements of the Licence. No submissions are required at this time.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 (extension 33) or ali.shaikh@nwb-oen.ca, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Ali Shaikh Nunavut Water Board, Technical Advisor

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