



**NIRB File No.: EX167**

Associated NIRB File No.: 08EA084

AANDC File No.: N2010C0016

NWB File No.: 2BE-GEO1015

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**Re: Application Exempt from Screening Pursuant to NLCA Schedule 12-1: Sabina Gold and Silver Corp.'s "Back River and Wishbone-Malley" Project Proposal**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

On February 11, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for an amendment to Sabina Gold and Silver Corp.'s (Sabina) Type B Water License (2BE-GEO1015) for the "Back River and Wishbone-Malley" project. A conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission was not required for this file, as the proposed project is located within a region that does not currently have an approved land use plan in place. The NIRB has determined that this amendment is exempt from screening pursuant to item 5 of Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), *Types of Project Proposals Exempt from Screening*:

NLCA Schedule 12-1 (5):

*"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3".*

As this project proposal is exempt from the requirement for Screening by the NIRB, authorizations associated with this proposal may be processed by your office. This application is associated with a project proposal which has been previously screened by the NIRB (NIRB File No.: 08EA084), and the NIRB's Screening Decision Report may contain recommendations which are relevant to your organization, and to the issuance of any further authorizations associated with the project. A copy of the March 16, 2012 Screening Decision Report has been enclosed for your review and can be accessed online from the NIRB's public registry using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2009/08EA084-Dundee%20Precious%20Metals/03-DECISION/>.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at [crodriguez@nirb.ca](mailto:crodriguez@nirb.ca) or **867-983-4607**.

Sincerely,



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Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Enclosed (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 08EA084 (March 16, 2012)