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RE: 2BE-GEO0210 – Sabina Gold & Silver Corp - George Lake Project - Renewal – Type "B"

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, Section 36(3) of the Fisheries Act, the Migratory Birds Convention Act, and the Species at Risk Act.

Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. filed an application for renewal and of a water license to the Nunavut Water Board to use water or the deposit of waste into water for the George Lake Camp. Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. is actively operating in the Hackett River, Back River, and Wishbone Projects, approximately 400 km south of Cambridge Bay. The George Lake camp will be a staging area for supply flights, exploration activities, and drilling operations, only occupied by personnel over short periods for maintenance, support, or in the even of an emergency.

Based on the information presented at this time, EC has no concerns with the re-issuance of this water license. Comments and recommendations submitted in the letters submitted on behalf of Environment Canada on January 5, 2006, in regards to the Abandonment and Restoration Plan, and on February 27, 2009 for the amendment 2BE-GEO, would also apply to this permit.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca

Yours truly,

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