



Gibson MacQuoid Project

Response to NWB Technical Review Comments

August 31, 2018

North Country Gold Corporation (“NCGC”) has reviewed the comments provided from Environment and Climate Change Canada (“ECCC”) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (“CIRNAC”) regarding the Nunavut Water Board’s (“NWB”) technical review of the Gibson MacQuoid Gold Project (“the Project”) and would like to express our appreciation for the time these agencies spent reviewing the project proposal and providing their comments.

Response to CIRNAC

1. Concerns Regarding Licence Term.

The proposed time schedules for construction, operation and closure identified on Block 24 of the General Water Licence Application are annual timeframes, anticipated for the 5-year term of the licence. It is currently anticipated, but unknown, if NCGC will conduct exploration programs after 2018, as it will depend on a number of factors, including the results from the 2018 program and the availability of lands to work on (before and) after the Nunavut Land Use Plan comes into effect. If the Project advances, it is anticipated that next few years programs will be similar to the one described for 2018 and if anything were to change (i.e. additional of drilling to the program activities) permit/licence amendment applications will be submitted to the NPC, NIRB, CIRNAC, KIA and NWB.

2. Concerns Regarding Contact Information in the Spill and Response Plan.

The *NCGC Gibson MacQuoid Project Spill Prevention and Response Plan* has been updated to specify that in the case of a spill the onsite Project Manager will be immediately informed. The onsite Project Manager will then be responsible to inform the NCGC Exploration Manager and all other necessary agencies.

All references to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (“INAC”) and Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada (“AANDC”) have been changed to Crown-Indigenous and Relations Northern Affairs Canada (“CIRNAC”).

Section 10.2 of the *NCGC Gibson MacQuoid Project Spill Prevention and Response Plan* has been updated by replacing “INAC Water Resource Officer (Kivalliq) – Christine Wilson,” with “CIRNAC Manager of Field Operations at 867-975-4295.”

3. Concerns Regarding Grease Traps for Grey Water.

Section 4.3.5 of the “*NCGC Gibson MacQuoid Project Waste management Plan*” has been updated to state, “Filters and grease traps will be installed on kitchen drains to ensure grease and solid food wastes do not enter the sumps and have the potential to attract wildlife.”

The “*NCGC Gibson MacQuoid Project Waste management Plan*” has also been updated to replace all references to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (“INAC”) to Crown-Indigenous and Relations Northern Affairs Canada (“CIRNAC”).

4. Concerns Regarding Inconsistent reclamation estimate.

The “*NCGC Gibson MacQuoid Project Abandonment and Reclamation Plan*” has been updated to match the cost estimate provided in the General Water Licence Application form which uses 4 people for 2 days, for a total estimate of \$24,640.

The “*NCGC Gibson MacQuoid Project Abandonment and Reclamation Plan*” has also been updated to replace all references to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (“INAC”) to Crown-Indigenous and Relations Northern Affairs Canada (“CIRNAC”).

Table 8.1 of the “*NCGC Gibson MacQuoid Project Abandonment and Reclamation Plan*” has been updated by replacing “INAC Water Resource Officer (Kivalliq) – Christine Wilson,” with “CIRNAC Manager of Field Operations at 867-975-4295.”

5. Concerns Regarding Missing signature

The document “NCGC GMB Project 2018 General Water Licence Application 11July2018” was resubmitted to NWB on July 13, 2018 with the following change:

- Block 11. The classification of primary undertaking was changed from “Mining and Milling (includes exploration/drilling/exploration camps)” to “Miscellaneous, Exploration Camp.”
- Signature added