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Subject: North Country Gold – Gibson MacQuoid Project – New – Type “B”, Kivalliq Region

Dear Mr. Atkinson:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) provides notice that, on July 12, 2018, a new application for a Type “B” water license for water use and/or waste disposal associated with activities in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut was filed by North Country Gold. By way of this correspondence, the Board invites parties to provide the NWB with their comments with respect to the application as outlined below. The application consists of the following documents:

- 2017 KIA INAC Annual Report
- Auryn Audited Financial Statements dated October 11, 2017
- Business Acquisition Report dated November 5, 2015
- Georgetown Capital Corp Certificate of Incorporation dated June 9, 2008
- Georgetown Capital Corp Name Change to Auryn Resources dated October 11, 2013
- Non-Technical Summary Inuktitut and English
- A & R Plan
- Corporate & Social Responsibility Action Plan
- Fuel Management Plan
- Medical Evacuation Plan 2018
- Project 2018 Camp Location Map
- Exploration Remote Camp Questionnaire
- General Water Licence Application
- Project 2018 Workplan Figure
- Project APEX Authorization Letter March 9, 2018
- Project Consultation Log Updated June 25, 2018
- Project Location Figure
- Mineral Exploration Remote Camp SIG
- Spill Prevention & Response Plan

- Waste Management Plan

The application can be obtained from our ftp site at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2B/2BE%20-%20Exploration/2BE-GMB----/>

As noted in the NWB's earlier correspondence acknowledging receipt of this application, under the Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement) Article 11, Section 11.5.9 and s. 76 (1) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the proponent of a project proposal governed by the Nunavut Agreement and NuPPAA that requires a water licence/approval is required to submit a project proposal document directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). The NPC then reviews the project proposal and makes a determination regarding the applicable land use planning requirements and/or provides direction regarding whether the project proposal is subject to screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). Under Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Nunavut Agreement, NuPPAA and Part 3 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSRTA), until the project proposal has concluded the applicable land use planning and assessment process required by the NPC and the NIRB, the NWB cannot issue a water licence/approval.

On this basis, the NWB, while previously acknowledging the receipt of the application, waited for the Commission's determination and recommendations before proceeding to the next steps in the NWB's processing of the application. Please be advised that on April 9, 2018 the NWB received the required determinations and recommendations from the Commission and on June 29, 2018 received the NIRB's determination in respect of the project proposal associated with the water licence application.

Now that the application has concluded the pre-licensing steps required under the Nunavut Agreement, NuPPAA and the NWNSRTA, the NWB is now proceeding to the next steps in processing the application, including providing the attached Notice of Application which will be published in due course. In addition, to ensure this application is dealt with in a timely fashion, the NWB has forwarded notice of all documentation received by the NWB in respect of the application to regulators and Council of the Municipality(ies) most affected by the project. The NWB is also inviting interested parties to make representations about the application, including information requests, identifying issues of water user compensation and providing technical review comments directly to the NWB **within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter; on or before August 13, 2018.**

After the NWB receives and reviews the comments received, the Board may provide additional procedural instructions regarding the next steps in the Board's processing of the application. Please note that throughout the Board's consideration of the application, the NWB retains the right to request additional information and studies, as set out under ss. 48(1)-(3) of the NWNSRTA. If additional information will be requested, the NWB's technical staff will contact the applicant to discuss the Board's request in detail.

If the applicant or parties have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assol Kubeisinova, the Technical Advisor for the file.

Sincerely,

Licensing Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Application
Cc: Distribution List – Kivalliq