



Sabina's Back River Project 2020 Operations

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All,

As you are aware, Sabina shut down activities at Back River on March 20th due to the COVID pandemic. At the time, Sabina announced we were choosing to defer our program to ensure the safety of our workforce and Northern communities. Over the past 3 months, we have worked diligently to prepare for the safe recommencement of site activities at the Back River Project. Sabina has been engaged with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Federal Government, the Government of Nunavut including the Chief Medical Health Officer, Public Health, Economic Development & Transportation, and many others. With the pieces now in place to ensure safe recommencement of activities, Sabina will be opening site on June 30th with the first major inbound aircraft of staff on July 7th.

Sabina's planned activities for 2020 now include:

- 3-4 months of exploration including diamond drilling, airborne geophysics, decline boxcut, mechanical stripping and outcrop mapping activities.
- Pre-development activities which may include an airstrip extension, site road network expansion, creation of a laydown yard, additions to site infrastructure, sealift, and quarry operations.

We anticipate Back River will now operate until December, 2020. Although activities will be primarily at the Goose Property, the Marine Laydown Area (MLA) will also be open for a short time.

Sabina has established protocols related to COVID which will impact inspections or other required visits to Back River. In 2020 all nonessential travel to site is banned, however, inspections which regulatory authorities must complete may proceed. Inspections will need to occur within the established COVID protocols, which means they will need to be scheduled well in advance and perhaps be required to follow our rotation schedule. If you do require a physical inspection of Back River, please let me know as early as possible so that we can accommodate.

If there are any questions please let me know.

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