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## RE: Sabina Gold & Silver Corp. Comments on Comprehensive Quarry Management Plan for 2BEGOO1015

Dear Phyllis,

Thank you for your letter dated May 8, 2013 regarding the submission of the Comprehensive Quarry Management Plan. Sabina has been contacted by a few parties requesting additional information and clarification in response to your request for comments by 5:00pm June 8, 2013. Sabina actively engages regulators and intervernors and we welcome the opportunity to work in a transparent manner to discuss concerns, address deficiencies and provide clarification.

In response to the request for comment, Sabina is continually updating and revising management plans to address changing best management practices, regulatory requirements and project components and activities. The Comprehensive Quarry Management Plan is an excellent example of how it has been revised over the past year to reflect changing requirements and site conditions. In this letter, we wish to clarify the development and implementation of the quarry management and the current update it is undergoing.

In early 2012, Sabina submitted a request to amend 2BEGOO1015 to include the construction and operation of an all-weather airstrip, connecting road to Goose camp and associated rock and quarry operations. The application package included a Transporation Management Plan that incorporated the conceptual quarry development and management. With the issuance of 2BEGOO1015 – amendment 3, the NWB included terms to separate the quarry management into a standalone document within 60 days of the license issuance. Sabina requested an extension to this deadline on June 14 (via email) as we were unable to initiate quarry operations during the 2012 season. We were able to complete Phase 1 of the airstrip and road construction as reported in the 2012 annual report submitted in March 2013.



The Comprehensive Management Plan was submitted to the NWB on Feb 20, 2013 with all the 2013 management plans. Notices indicating the resumption of activites under the all the Sabina land and water authorizations was submitted to all regulatory bodies in early January 2013, with followup in early February and April as additional exploration and construction activities started.

In addition to the on-going internal tracking and auditing completed by Sabina, AANDC Water Resources Officers have completed an inspection in April 2013. Based on direction provided by Eva Paul, Sabina is currently revising the Quarry Management Plan to a Comprehensive Quarry Management and Development Plan to address AANDC comments during the inspection. We look forward to the additional comments on the Comprehensive Quarry Management Plan (Jan 2013 version) and working with intervenors and regulators for the continued improvement of our activities.

Should you have any questions, concerns or need further information please do not hesitate to contact me by email at <a href="mailto:jlaitin@sabinagoldsilver.com">jlaitin@sabinagoldsilver.com</a> of by telephone at 604-898-4175.

Regards,

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