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Dear Ms. Lear, Ms. Bolt, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Ms. Leblanc, Mr. D'Aguiar, Mr. Gillis, Mr. Kuhn:

## RE: NPC File # 149067 [Blue Star Gold Corp.]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Conduct exploration-related activities to assess previously identified gold targets, to conduct prospecting to locate new gold targets and to explore these targets. Exploration activities may include geophysical surveys (ground based and airborne), diamond drilling, RAB/RC drilling, surface geochemical sampling, test pitting, trenching, geological mapping, and prospecting. Environmental and heritage resources baseline studies may be undertaken to inform future project planning and mitigate potential program impacts.

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- 2. Existing Authorizations Include:
  - •NIRB screening 07EN067, 14EN033;
  - •NWB water licence 2BE-HRP1419 (needs to be renewed);
  - •KIA Land use licence KTL314C010 (expired), KTL307C014 (expired);
  - •NTI Mineral Exploration Agreement HOODRIVER-001.
- 3. Amend the existing water licence to allow for establishment of a temporary camp on IOL and the related domestic water use and waste deposit;
- 4. Renew the expired or issue a new KIA land use licence to allow for exploration, temporary camp establishment and future potential environmental and heritage resources baseline studies.
- 5. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [include island, area, river, etc.]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously screened the works and activities associated with the current proposal, including mineral exploration, work for baseline studies, and an exploration camp, however, no exploration work has been undertaken (NIRB FILE NO. 07EN067 and 14EN033).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the change in location and size of the camp and the duration of time since the original activities were screened.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address:

http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149067&sessionid=

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 857-2242.

Sincerely,

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