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INAC File No.: N2006C0020
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**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:
Atlanta Gold Inc.'s "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Jackson Inlet" project**

Dear Spencer Dewar:

On June 15, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to a Storage Authorization for Atlanta Gold Inc.'s "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Jackson Inlet" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 01WN080) was received by the NIRB from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on June 12, 2001 and screened pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On July 5, 2001 the NIRB issued a NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Chairperson of the NWB and with copy to INAC (Land Use Permit No. N2001C0028), indicating that the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On April 3, 2002 the NIRB received a Nunavut Water Licence renewal application from the NWB and on April 17, 2002 the NIRB received a Land Use Permit amendment application from INAC for the "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Jackson Inlet" project. The NIRB screened this project proposal (NIRB File No. 02EN067) in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA and on May 27, 2002 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Chairperson of NWB and to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On June 16, 2006 the NIRB received a Land Use Permit renewal application from INAC for the above mentioned project proposal (N2006C0020). The NIRB determined that the project was previously screened and permitted under INAC Land Use Permit No. N2001C0028 and the

activities were to be a continuation of previously authorized activities. After a thorough assessment of the information and comments received in support of the application, the NIRB determined this request did not result in a change to the general scope of the original project activities and therefore NIRB re-issued the May 27, 2002 Screening Decision Report.

On July 13, 2008 the NIRB received an extension request to Land Use Permit No. N2006C0028 from INAC for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the information received in support of the application, the NIRB again determined this request did not result in a change to the general scope of the original project activities and re-issued the recommended terms and conditions contained in the May 27, 2002 Screening Decision Report.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (02EN067) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2002_SCREENINGS/02EN067-Twin%20Mining%20Corporation%20\(Atlanta%20Gold%20Corp\)%20-%20Jackson%20Inlet/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2002_SCREENINGS/02EN067-Twin%20Mining%20Corporation%20(Atlanta%20Gold%20Corp)%20-%20Jackson%20Inlet/)

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB under File No. 02EN067, Atlanta Gold Inc's "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Jackson Inlet" project was located within the Qikiqtaaluk region, approximately 125 kilometres (km) from Arctic Bay. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct a more extensive exploration program than was commenced in 2001.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Construction of a temporary exploration camp
 - Waste to be disposed at the Nanisivik site
 - Use of camp from June to October
 - Facilities to accommodate maximum 36 persons
- Continuation of prospecting program from 2001
- Exploratory diamond drilling
 - June to October with ~ 10,000 metres planned for the 2002 summer program
 - Use of salt solution to prevent freezing
- Potential collection of a mini-bulk sample of ~ 1,000 tonnes
 - August and September
 - Use of explosives
- Construction of temporary trail
- Helicopter use for transport of personnel and drilling program activities
- On site fuel storage

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Atlanta Gold Inc is currently proposing to extend its INAC Storage Authorization for a period of one year to allow the company time to plan and finance additional exploration of its mineral claims.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or

(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed extension does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original May 27, 2002 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

The NIRB also respectfully recommends that INAC ensure the Proponent fully implements its Abandonment and Restoration Plan prior to the expiry of its Storage Authorization, should exploration activities not be re-commenced for the project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4607 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Best regards,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 02EN067 (May 27, 2002)