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Dear Mr. Keim, Mr. Dewar, Mr. Pain, and Mr. Dwyer,

I am writing to you today in follow up to the recent meetings facilitated by your teams at the Mineral Roundup Conference in Vancouver in January 2025 to discuss the introduction of RECLAIM V8.0.

Thank you and your teams for your outreach to the minerals industry in Nunavut and your commitment at the Vancouver session to ensure that conversations around proposed changes to RECLAIM are focused on finding solutions that reflect the concerns of B2Gold Back River Corp. (B2Gold Nunavut or the Company) and other industry participants.

B2Gold Nunavut has begun its review of the materials you have shared regarding the proposed changes to RECLAIM and how these changes impact the Back River Project. However, the intricate nature of RECLAIM, security calculations at the Back River Project, and the workload for my team on the various annual reporting requirements this time of year are extending the time B2Gold Nunavut needs to complete this review.

B2Gold Nunavut is presently unable to meet the requested date for the submission of comments and therefore supports a recent request made by the NWT& Nunavut Chamber of Mines (Chamber) to extend the comment period deadline. B2Gold Nunavut also supports the request for an additional workshop or working session to support this collaborative review of the proposed updates to RECLAIM. The Chamber submission is attached to this letter.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and your ongoing work to support a strong, robust, and industry leading regulatory system in Nunavut.

Sincerely,

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