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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Tracie McCaie, Wynter Kuliktana, and Merle Keefe:

RE: NPC File # 150549 [N2017F0016 LUP Renewal Application]

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

1. B2Gold Back River Corp. (B2Gold Nunavut) is proposing to apply for a new land use permit to replace N2017F0016. All activities, as currently defined, will be consistent with the activities undertaken in previous years and consistent with the current N2017F0016. B2Gold Nunavut has indicated that the new land use permit does not represent a change in scope for the Project, which includes:
 - Extensive exploration programs and the materials needed have warranted a winter road from Bathurst Inlet to Back River camps to facilitate economic resupply. At the barge landing point there will be laydown area for equipment, supplies, and up to approximately 4,000 drums of fuel and a temporary camp.
 - A barge with approximately 600,000 L bulk fuel will remain in place over the winter. This resupply is a two-part process in that the barge will bring all supplies into Bathurst Inlet during the summer navigation season, and allowed to freeze into place over the winter. Supplies will be offloaded onto the laydown area until February when the winter road will start up.

- All of the supplies will be taken to George Lake and/or Goose Lake camps depending on exploration priorities. Resupply could include fuel, drill rods, drilling mud, calcium chloride, core boxes, lubricants, propane, acetylene and oxygen, building materials and other camp supplies. There is also the possibility of drill rigs and contractors' equipment and supplies being moved. Backhaul of waste material to the barge loading area from the camps may also be incorporated into waste.
2. Associated NPC File Nos: 148691; 149004; 149278;149378; 149430; 149780; 150070; Associated NIRB File Nos: 08EA084, 09RN066, and 12MN036; Associated NWB File No.: 2AM BRP-1831; 2BE-GOO2028.
 3. Location: Kitikmeot; [Back River gold mine site located approximately 150 kilometres south of Bathurst Inlet]

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 completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (conformity determination issued January 19, 2018, December 14, 2018, January 21, 2020, June 9, 2020, December 16, 2020, August 11, 2022, and May 16, 2023) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously reviewed by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File Nos.: 08EA084, 09RN066 and 12MN036).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that proposed activities does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150549>

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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