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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for North Country Gold Corp.'s (NCGC) "Gibson-MacQuoid" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Boa-Antwi,

On March 15, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on North Country Gold Corp.'s (NCGC) "Gibson-MacQuoid" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

INAC is unable to offer comments on whether the project amendment is likely to arouse significant public concern since the application does not contain any detailed records of community engagement/consultation activities undertaken by the Proponent to discuss community concerns regarding the proposed new activities. Although the Proponent is planning to conduct consultations in May 2017, INAC recommends that the Proponent conduct community consultations prior to submitting the project proposal and the start of the new activities.

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Norman M. Scully at (867) 975-4554 or by e-mail at norman.scully@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.



Sincerely,

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