



**NIRB File No.: 17EN029**  
NPC File No.: 148480

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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding North Country Gold Corp.'s "Gibson-MacQuoid Project" proposal**

Dear Bryan Atkinson:

On February 21, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen North Country Gold Corp.'s (NCGC) "Gibson-MacQuoid Project" proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On March 15, 2017 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by April 5, 2017.

On or before April 5, 2017 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Gibson-MacQuoid Project
- NIRB File No.: 17EN029
- Application No.: 125085

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

*Protection of Migratory Birds*

- The list of Acts, Regulations, Guidelines and Recommendations in Corporate and Social Responsibility Plan to be followed by the Proponent in executing the project does not include the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*.

- Lack of information within the Proponent's Corporate and Social Responsibility Plan. Recommended the Proponent to include the following statement: "eggs, nests and migratory birds are not to be disturbed by any activities" in the Plan.

#### Spill Prevention and Response Plan

- The Spill Prevention and Response Plan is outdated and recommended that the Proponent update the emergency contact list in its Plan.

#### Community Consultation

- Noted lack of community consultation and recommended that the Proponent conduct community consultation prior to the commencement of the proposed project activities.

The NIRB would like to provide NCGC with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **April 25, 2017**.

If NCGC determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4616 or [kboantwi@nirb.ca](mailto:kboantwi@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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