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To: Merle Keefe
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Sent via email: mkeefe@sabinagoldsilver.com

Re: Receipt of Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp's "Back River Project Energy Centre" Project Proposal

Dear Merle Keefe:

On March 10, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum submission (FEIS Addendum) from Sabina Gold and Silver Corp (Sabina or the Proponent) in support of the "Back River Project Energy Centre" project proposal (the Proposal) for the Back River Gold Mine Project (NIRB Project Certificate No. 007).

The NIRB will commence an internal review of the FEIS Addendum to determine whether the submission conforms to the relevant requirements of the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines (EIS Guidelines) for the Back River Gold Mine Project¹ applicable to the Board's assessment of the Project Proposal, and the minimum EIS requirements as set out under Section 12.5.2 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, and s. 101(3) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). The Board's conformity review is a presence or absence analysis of the required information only; it is not meant to evaluate the quality of the information presented, although it may identify significant deficiencies encountered.

If the FEIS Addendum submission is found to contain the necessary components, is provided in a format that allows parties to readily access relevant content and fulfills the requirements of the NIRB's direction, the Board will formally accept the submission and will initiate a public technical

¹ Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Sabina Gold & Silver Corp's Back River Project (NIRB File No. 12MN036). Issued by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, April 30, 2013. [Public Registry ID.: 279549].

review of the Proposal in accordance with the NIRB's Rules of Procedure (September 2009)², commencing with requests for information and formal technical review.

At this time, the Board anticipates completing the internal conformity review and providing an indication as to the acceptability of Sabina's FEIS Addendum submission on or before **March 22, 2023**.

If you have any questions related to the NIRB's assessment of the "Back River Project Energy Centre" project proposal, please contact the undersigned directly via email at kmorrison@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4617, or Guillaume Daoust at gdaoust@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4609.

Sincerely,



Keith Morrison
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cc: Back River Distribution List
Matthew Pickard, Sabina Gold & Silver Corp

² <https://www.nirb.ca/rules-of-procedure>