



September 6, 2023

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Re: Logistics Information and Draft Agenda for the NIRB Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable, and Pre-hearing Conference for Sabina Gold and Silver Corp.'s "Back River Project Energy Centre" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Morrison,

On August 22, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board ('NIRB' or the 'Board') shared the draft Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable, and Pre-hearing Conference Agendas for the "Back River Project Energy Centre" project proposal ('the Proposal') (NIRB File No. 12MN036). In its letter, the Board requested that B2Gold Back River Corp. ('B2Gold Nunavut' or the 'Company') review and provide feedback on the agendas on or before September 6, 2023. The Board also requested that B2Gold Nunavut provide a list of its attendees and its key speaker. The following provides B2Gold Nunavut's feedback to these requests.

Feedback on the Agendas

Technical Meeting Agenda

- B2Gold Nunavut suggests that Agenda item 2(a), "Socio-economic environment (economic development, education and training, traditional and non-traditional land use etc.) (20-minute presentation by Sabina)" on Day 2 of the technical meeting be removed from the agenda and the topics of traditional and non-traditional land use be added to Day 1 Agenda item 3(c), "Terrestrial environment (soils and terrain, permafrost, vegetation, terrestrial wildlife, birds, etc.) (20-minute presentation by Sabina)".

B2Gold believes that removal of the above agenda item and transfer of specific topics to the Terrestrial Environment will ensure the topics of most interest to Parties are discussed while topics that have not yet seen the submission of technical comments throughout this process are removed from the agenda.

- B2Gold Nunavut suggests that Agenda item 2(b), "Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment and Accidents and Malfunctions Assessment (10-minute presentation by Sabina)" on Day 2 of the technical meeting be removed from the agenda.

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B2Gold believes that there is no material discussion to be had on the risk assessment or the accidents and malfunctions portion of the Draft Agenda.

- B2Gold Nunavut suggests that Day 2 Agenda item 3, “Discussion and review of Proponent’s list of commitments and other outstanding technical issues”, be duplicated on the Day 1 Agenda following Day 1 Agenda item, 2(b), “Response to Technical Review Comments.”

Duplication of Day 2 Agenda item 3 on Day 1, will allow all parties to review the commitment list early in the proceedings, and comment on those technical comments resolved or outstanding on Day 1 to help facilitate discussions between parties on the evening of Day 1, confirm the need for break out sessions facilitated by the NIRB, and help refine content to be discussed on Day 2.

Community Roundtable Agenda

- Agenda item 3 on Day 1 and item 2 on Day 2 indicate that community representatives and the public will be able to question the Proponent and/or parties organized by topic.

B2Gold Nunavut suggests that the final agenda include a listing of ‘topics’ such that community representatives, members of the public, the Proponent and/or parties are made aware of when specific topics will be discussed during the Community Roundtable session.

In addition to the above, B2Gold Nunavut requests that the NIRB consider a call in line that can be made available to parties’ representatives and members of the public who are unable to attend the hearings in person. The NIRB has taken a similar approach to other hearings, making a call in line available for representatives and members of the public to listen in only and we believe that would be beneficial for this process as well.

List of Representatives and Key Speaker for the Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-hearing Conference

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