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**RE: KIA's comments on draft of Project Certificate No. 007, Amendment 1 for B2Gold Nunavut's Back River Renewable Energy Centre**

Dear Cory Barker, the KIA has had our legal council review the draft of Project Certificate No. 007, Amendment 1 for B2Gold Nunavut's Back River Renewable Energy Centre and their comments are as follows:

**NIRB Certificate**

Terms 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 78, 79, 80, 95 all have a similar term regarding IQ – Information regarding how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Indigenous and Community Knowledge, and changes suggested by the Inuit Environmental Advisory Committee and the Caribou Technical Advisory Group have been incorporated into the WMMPP should be discussed in the Proponent's annual report. The Proponent should also include a discussion of how local Hunters and Trappers Organizations and potentially affected communities have been engaged and consulted in relation to relevant components of the WMMPP.

**Comments:**

1. This amounts to a lot of sharing of IQ. While KIA supports the use of IQ to improve and mitigate the project, KIA would want to ensure that confidentiality is respected, that these terms do not supersede the terms of KIA licences / IQ sharing agreements.
2. The Certificate's language in relation to engagement and the provision of information to "affected communities" is sufficient to cover off the Athabasca Denesuline. KIA would not make it more explicit.



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Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Roesch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Cc Wynter Kuliktana, Director, KIA, Department of Lands, Environment, and Resources