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Dear Cory Barker, Gizella Hejjas, Tracey McCaie, Richard Dwyer, Caroline Whittle, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program, Mosha Cote and Darren Lindsay:

RE: NPC File # 150893 [Blue Star Gold Corp.]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Mineral Exploration: Continue to conduct exploration-related activities to assess previously identified gold targets, to conduct prospecting to locate new gold targets and to explore these targets.
2. Modification to original project: The amendment request seeks to add three new mineral claims to the existing exploration permits and licenses for the project to support further mineral exploration activities.
3. Associated NPC File Nos: 149485, 149067; Related NIRB File Nos: 07EN067, 14EN033, 19EA019; NWB File No.: 2BE-HRP1924
4. Location: Kitikmeot Region [Inuit Owned and Crown Lands near the communities of Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal, and decisions were issued on February 25, 2021 and March 18, 2019, stating that the project proposal falls outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File Nos.: 07EN067, 14EN033 and 19EA019). The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the addition of new mineral claims for further exploration in a new area.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project. The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150893>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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