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March 10, 2026

Brian May
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Sent via email: brian.may@bggold.ca

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Whale Cove Gold Corp's "Whale Cove Project Camp and Regional Exploration Expansion" project proposal

Dear Brian May:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening¹ the project proposal.

By copy of this letter, NIRB invites regulators, interested parties, and community members or groups potentially affected by the proposal to view the application and comment directly to the NIRB by March 31, 2026.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal

The application can be viewed on NIRB's online registry www.nirb.ca/project/126326 where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to info@nirb.ca, or by fax.

¹ Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA)

Scope of proposal

Location	Kivalliq region, eastern boundary of project approximately 14km northwest of the community of Whale Cove, up to 85 kilometres west-northwest
Objective	The Proponent intends to improve advanced mineral exploration efficiency through expansion of the existing exploration camp, increased drilling capacity, and an expanded exploration area.
Timeline	Operation phase: May 2026 to September 2037 Closure phase: September 2037 to September 2038 Post-closure phase: September 2038 to September 2040

The scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Construct and increase permanent camp from 35-person camp to 100-person camp;
- Construct and operate a 20-person mobile camp within project area;
- Expand the regional exploration area to 200km²;
- Increasing the total number of operating drills from two (2) to four (4); and
- Update and renew type B water licence 2BE-PBP2025.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

The NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal; as a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

For this assessment, the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are initiating a coordinated process² as the proposal requires a water licence, and the Proponent has indicated they wish to start the Water Licence application process at this time. As a result, the Proponent must provide information during the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process. At any time, the Proponent has the option to opt out of a coordinated process by providing the request in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

Questions about the NIRB's work should be directed to the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 ext. 555 or mbeattie@nirb.ca.

² The NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes for projects that require a water licence as per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Distribution List
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