

**ENGAGEMENT PLAN**  
***Hood River Gold Project***

**Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut**

**April 2019**



## PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

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This Plan lists who Blue Star Gold Corp. will communicate with, as well as when and how they will communicate regarding exploration-related activities for their Hood River Gold Project near Kugluktuk, in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut.

Blue Star has, and will continue to, communicate with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the Hamlet of Kugluktuk, the Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association, Burnside & Omingmaktok Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Nunavut Planning Commission, the Nunavut Impact Review Board, the Nunavut Water Board, Government of Nunavut, the Government of Canada, and the general public.

## REVISION HISTORY

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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Blue Star Gold Corp. (Blue Star) is planning to conduct exploration activities at its Hood River Gold Project (the Project) in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut. The purpose of this document is to describe Blue Star's approach to stakeholder engagement prior to and throughout the regulatory process and to outline Blue Star's plan for life-of-project engagement as it pertains to the Project.

## 2.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Blue Star Gold Corp. (Blue Star) is responsible for activities associated with the Project, including implementation and management of this Plan. Blue Star's contact information is provided below.

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## 3.0 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

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The following were identified as potentially interested parties:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association;
- Hamlet of Kugluktuk;
- Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association;
- Burnside & Omingmaktok Hunters and Trappers Organizations;
- Nunavut Impact Review Board;
- Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.;
- Nunavut Water Board;
- Government of Canada
  - CanNor;
  - Environment and Climate Change Canada;
  - Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
  - Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

Attempts were made to initiate engagement with all parties, directly or indirectly, prior to submission of an Application to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening. Each engagement, including all attempts to engage, is documented in a communications log. These logs are stored on file in the Blue Star.

It is anticipated that interested parties identified during pre-submission and regulatory engagement will remain interested parties during life-of-project engagement.

## **4.0 ENGAGEMENT PURPOSE**

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Pre-submission and regulatory engagement involves implementation of this Plan prior to submission of an application to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC), and throughout the regulatory process. The purpose of pre-submission and regulatory stakeholder engagement for the Project is to:

- Identify parties potentially affected by the Hood River Gold Project;
- Describe the Project rationale and proposed design; and
- Seek to understand affected parties' interests and concerns.

Life-of-project engagement involves implementation of this Plan at key milestones which may occur throughout Project operations. The purpose of life-of-project engagement for the Project is to:

- Re-engage parties potentially affected by changes to Project scope;
- Provide parties with requested or relevant project information in a manner concurrent to that provided either to the NIRB and/or the NWB (i.e. notifications related to unauthorized discharges and annual water licence reporting);
- Describe rationale and nature of the proposed changes; and
- Seek to understand affected parties' interests and concerns.

## **5.0 ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY**

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Pre-submission and regulatory engagement begins with either emails and/or verbal contact over the phone with interested parties. Where possible, in person meetings are held. Following initial contact and understanding of parties' desire to engage, ongoing communication can vary between parties and can include phone calls, emails and letter mail. Triggers for engagement with interested parties are summarized in Table 1.

Life-of-project engagement typically occurs via email and may include notification and/or inclusion of regulatory filings, depending upon the interest and preferences of the affected parties.

Table 1. Triggers for engagement

Stage of Project	Stakeholder	Trigger
Pre-Application	Potentially affected parties	Initial contact and follow-up as needed prior to public review
		Submission of supplemental information to the NIRB and/or the NWB
	Parties submitting comments during public review	Receipt of party comments during the public review period
Life of Project	Identified stakeholders, other interested parties	Submission of an application for licence amendment, renewal or project closure
		Project-related notification
		Submission of a report or other supplemental information or materials to the NIRB and/or the NWB