

Hood River Gold Project

Purpose

The purpose of the Hood River Gold Project (the Project) is to explore for gold and study the surrounding environment. This work has been conducted in this area in the past: the NIRB has previously reviewed work programs and the KIA and the NWB have issued licences.

The company planning to conduct the work, Blue Star Gold Corp. (Blue Star), already has a water licence (2BE-HRP1419), but have not done much work on the property for several years. The water licence needs to be renewed and some changes made to allow for a new temporary camp; there is no longer a camp on the property so a new one needs to be built. Also, a new land use licence from the KIA is needed to allow all of the activities to proceed on Inuit-Owned Land.

Blue Star recently changed its name: the company was previously known as WPC Resources Inc.

The new name, Blue Star Gold Corp., came from the star in the Nunavut flag, and the company's focus on their work in Nunavut. Blue Star also owns a company called Inukshuk Exploration Incorporated, who has done some work on the property in the past.

Location

The Project is 210 km southeast of Kugluktuk, is right beside the Ulu property, and near the confluence of the Hood River and the Frayed Knots River. The whole project is located on Inuit Owned Lands.

Scope and Timing

To explore for gold and study the surrounding environment, the following may occur over the life of the project:

- Build and use a temporary tent camp in spring, summer and fall;
- Prospect and drill to find more gold;
- Use airplanes to get to site, and helicopters and snowmobiles to get around site;
- Cache fuel at the camp and near the drills;
- Fly people and supplies from nearby communities to camp, landing on the existing airstrip near Ulu;
- Use hotels and business in nearby communities when travelling to site;
- Use local business and people to work on the project;
- Study archaeology, land, water, air and wildlife in the area.

As is typical in the early days of an exploration program, it is expected that the Project will start small and get bigger if we find gold. In 2019, we plan to build a small camp in the summer, and have approximately 30 people on site to run 2 drills and a helicopter, and do some prospecting. If we are successful, we could have more people and more drills in a bigger camp in the future, and may also do some work in the winter.

Alternatives

Blue Star has looked at options to doing the work as it is now planned. Instead of a camp we could stay in Kugluktuk or Cambridge Bay. While we will stay there sometimes, staying there every night results in a lot of traffic travelling to and from site every day. There is a camp nearby at Ulu, however, we cannot use it right now as it will be full of people doing clean-up work at Ulu. Blue Star could continue to do nothing on the property, however, we believe there is gold in the ground and we want to look for that. We also want to work with people on the land and in the communities, providing jobs, training and opportunities.

Stakeholder Engagement

So far, Blue Star has talked to: the Kugluktuk, Burnside and Omingmaktok Hunters' & Trappers' Organizations; people living in Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay; NTI; the KIA; the NPC; the NIRB; the NWB; the GN; CIRNAC; CanNor; other people working in the region; local business owners. Public meetings are planned for this spring.

Environmental Effects

Any activity on the land has the potential to do damage or be disruptive. To avoid this, Blue Star plans work in advance, works with people who know the land, and works responsibly to ensure our work and the land is safe and clean while we are working, and that we take all of our equipment and materials with us once we are finished.