



NIRB File No.: 19EA019

Related to NIRB File No.: 07EN067 and 14EN033

NPC File No.: 149067

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Sent via email: kjgold2010@gmail.com

Re: Notice of Screening for Blue Star Gold Corp.'s "Hood River Gold Project" Proposal

Dear Peter Kuhn:

On March 18, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Blue Star Gold Corp.'s "Hood River Gold Project" proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). The NPC noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan and has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the previously screened works and activities associated with NIRB File No. 07EN067 and 14EA033 because of the change in location and size of the camp as well as the duration of the proposed work since the original activities were screened.

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*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned this proposal file number 19EA019. Please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On March 18, 2019 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on March 28, 2019 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal.

On April 18, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

The proposed “Hood River Gold Project” is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 200 kilometres (km) southeast from Kugluktuk. The Proponent intends to conduct exploration related activities to assess previously identified gold targets and identify and explore new gold targets. The program is proposed to take place from June 2019 to June 2024.

According to the current project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Conduct prospecting, airborne and ground-based geophysical surveys;
- Conduct on-land and on-ice drilling exploration activities;
- Establishment of a temporary seasonal camp and associated facilities to accommodate 60 personnel;
- Use of existing airstrip on adjacent property (Ulu property) or alternatively use of an adjacent lake to the camp for transportation of equipment and personnel, and resupply using a fixed wing aircraft or helicopter;
- Transportation of equipment and personnel to drilling sites using helicopter, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), watercraft and snow machines;
- Transportation, storage (at camp and fuel caches near drilling locations) and use of approximately 48,400 litres (L) diesel, 33,000 L aviation fuel, and 3,300 L of gasoline;
- Transportation, storage and use of chemicals and oil;
- Potential use of calcium chloride as a drilling additive;
- Potential environmental and heritage resource baseline studies to be conducted within the watershed;
- Use of water from surrounding waterbodies for domestic and drilling activities;
- Disposal of waste generated as follows:
 - Use of sump system for disposal of grey water and drilling waste water,
 - Incineration of combustible waste,
 - Incineration of sewage or removal to an offsite facility for disposal, and
 - Removal of hazardous and non-combustible wastes to an offsite facility for disposal.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, 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.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125461.

The documents received include:

- *NPC Project Application*
- *NPC Screening Referral*
- *NIRB's Online Application Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun*
- *Maps noting Project Location*
- *Spill Response Plan*
- *Waste Management Plan*
- *Wildlife Protection Plan*
- *Engagement Plan*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan*
- *Environment and Heritage Resources Protection Plan*
- *Supplementary Information*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Blue Star Gold Corp.'s "Hood River Gold Project" proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 14, 2019**.

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 including if a Review is required any additional factors that should be considered as part of that process.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125461.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4607 or at cbarker@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuinnaqtun)
Comment Forms (English and Inuinnaqtun)

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