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*Sent via email: [kjgold2010@gmail.com](mailto:kjgold2010@gmail.com)*

**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Blue Star Gold Corp.'s "Hood River 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 Project" proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On April 23, 2019 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by May 14, 2019.

On or before May 14, 2019 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125461](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125461).

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- There is insufficient information regarding the cumulative effects on the Dolphin-Union and Bathurst caribou herds. The GN and CIRNAC would like a complete cumulative effects assessment provided by the Proponent;
- There is insufficient information provided regarding the potential environmental impacts of geophysical and airborne surveys planned within the project development area. The GN would like a more complete description of the Project including more details regarding the geophysical surveys;

- There is a lack of consistency regarding the proposed mitigation of potential effects to caribou heard within the Project Development Area. The GN would like a revision of the Wildlife Protection Plan including proposed mitigation and monitoring measures as well as an estimated zone of influence and ECCC would like to clarify how the “no activity Buffers” would be adaptively managed;
- ECCC would like the Proponent to clarify if the incineration equipment chosen is specifically designed to handle sewage;
- Clarification on when location of the camp and water sources would be known and steps to engage regulators. The DFO would like the Proponent to provide more detail regarding the specific location and volume of water to be extracted from tundra lakes and encourage review of its ‘Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline’ for their water intake pumps;

The NIRB would like to provide Blue Star Gold Corp with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister. The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by May 30, 2019.

If Blue Star Gold Corp determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

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

Sincerely,



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