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Subject: RE: NIRB 124149/12MN036: 2019 Site Update Report for Sabina's "Back River Gold Mine" Project

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Jaida, thank you for providing the Update Report for the Back River Project.

Although the NIRB has not requested a response for the Update Report, Sabina has opted to provide additional clarity for the public register on two items in the report.

1. NIRB Inspections

In both the introduction and conclusion of your Update Report the NIRB highlights challenges in completing the 2019 inspection. Sabina welcomed KIA and CIRNAC to site in 2019 and both completed inspections of the Winter Ice Road. Sabina has been and remains committed to supporting NIRB inspections and believes the 2019 challenges were more on the NIRB's side than Sabina's. Sabina acknowledges that site not being operational all year long can create challenges. Based on a review of communications, Sabina does not believe the NIRB ever reached about a Winter Ice Road inspection. In addition, Sabina coordinated a summer inspection, during the NIRB's preferred timeline, only to have the NIRB withdraw due to lack of staff availability.

Sabina has assembled a summary of relevant Sabina/NIRB communications for 2019 which are relevant to NIRB inspections. We have provided that summary below for your files.

Date	Parties	Correspondence Summary
May 22, 2019	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Jaida, Mia)	NIRB contact Sabina. NIRB's first inquiry about a 2019 annual monitoring site visit. Note, the WIR is closed at this point.
May 27, 2019	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Jaida, Mia)	Sabina responds. Suggestion of a July inspection to ensure both camps are open and to align with potential KIA and CIRNAC inspections who are aiming for a summer/fall inspection.
June 18, 2018	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Jaida)	Sabina proposed the week of July 22 for a possible NIRB BRP inspection
June 24, 2018	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Jaida)	NIRB responds to June 18 proposal by SBB and inquires about trip logistics (is it a day trip, from where would the charter depart, can we bring a jr. tech advisor as a learning opportunity)
June 24, 2018	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Jaida)	Sabina responds and provides information on trip logistics.
June 24, 2018	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Jaida)	NIRB responds that the monitoring officer will be in YK on July 23 for other business.

June 24, 2018	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Jaida)	Sabina responds and asks if an inspection the next day (July 24) will work. Sabina notifies NIRB that in preparation for the inspection as well as other inspections (KIA), Sabina has tentatively booked a charter to ensure aircraft are available to transport regulators to site.
July 5, 2018	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Sophia, Jaida, Kelli)	NIRB directs SBB that the week of July 22 nd will work for the NIRB however at this time they are unsure who will attend the visit. NIRB advises further direct communication be routed through Manager, Impact Assessment rather than Back River Project Monitoring Office.
July 5, 2018	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Sophia, Jaida, Kelli)	Sabina acknowledges NIRB reaching out with confirmation the week of July 22 nd will work and provides additional logistical details for the July 24 th charter. Sabina also confirms a seat is available in regards to the previous request for a NIRB Jr. Technical Advisor to attend for learning purposes.
July 5, 2018	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Sophia, Jaida, Kelli)	NIRB acknowledges Sabina's update and confirms they will let Sabina know who will be attending when confirmed.
July 10, 2019	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Sophia, Jaida, Kelli)	NIRB informs Sabina that things have changed and an August site visit may need to be considered.
July 15, 2019	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Sophia, Jaida, Kelli, Tara)	NIRB reiterates their query into an August site visit
July 19, 2019	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Sophia, Jaida, Kelli, Tara)	Sabina confirms a NIRB site visit in August is definitely possible. Sabina notes the MLA will be open throughout August and Goose Lake camp will be closing on approximately August 8. Sabina notes if the NIRB inspection can only occur after Aug 8, Goose Lake can still be inspected. Sabina requests the NIRB please recommend their preferred dates to a complete a site visit in August. <i>*No further communication from the NIRB received in relation to the site visit</i>
August 8, 2019	SBB (Merle), NIRB (Jaida)	NIRB requests Sabina share photos of important site operations from this past field seasons as no one from NIRB was able to do a site visit

Sabina recommends that the NIRB and Sabina discuss the scheduling of 2020 site inspections, once our workplans have been established, to ensure activities, logistics, and timelines are understood by both parties.

2. Community Feedback

Appendix 2 of the Update Report provides a summary of questions asked during the August 29, 2019 NIRB open house in Cambridge Bay. Subsequent to the NIRB open house Sabina also held public engagement sessions in Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay (during the week of September 9, 2019) and addressed some of these topics. During these sessions Sabina presented on the 2019 activities as well as potential Project optimizations which are being considered. Caribou were discussed at both meetings and representative pictures/videos were shown of how caribou responded to the Winter Ice Road. Employment numbers and targets were also covered. There were no questions or discussions during these sessions on closure or having Inuit make presentations in the schools, however, closure has been widely discussed in previous sessions and Sabina has, and will in the future, make presentations in the Kitikmeot schools.

If you have any follow-up questions please feel free to reach out.

Kind regards, Matthew

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Dear Parties,

Please see the attached 2019 Site Update Report pertaining to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) ongoing monitoring of Sabina Gold and Silver Corporation's (Sabina) "Back River Gold Mine" (NIRB File No. 12MN036) project, in accordance with the requirements of the Project Certificate No. 007.

Should you have any questions or require additional information on the NIRB's monitoring program for the Jericho Diamond Mine, please contact Jaida Ohokannoak, Technical Advisor II directly at johokannoak@nirb.ca.

Best regards,

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