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Sent via email: kjgold2010@gmail.com and sharleen@sharleenhamm.com

Re: Notice of Screening for Blue Star Gold Corp's "Ulu Gold Project" project proposal

Dear Peter Kuhn:

On January 15, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Blue Star Gold Corp.'s "Ulu Gold Project" proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (the Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

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 it file number **20EN001** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On January 15, 2020 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.

On January 28, 2020 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

Project Scope:

The proposed “Ulu Gold Project” is located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 200 kilometres (km) southeast from Kugluktuk. The Proponent intends to conduct exploration and continue remediation of the site. The program is proposed to take place from May 2020 to May 2025.

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

- establishment of a new temporary exploration camp and associated water supply;
- increase water withdrawal amount in current licence to 200m³/day;
- conduct surface and underground exploration activities including mapping, prospecting, land and ice-based drilling;
- collect a 5,000 tonne bulk sample for offsite processing;
- conduct reclamation of legacy site infrastructure;
- undertake environmental baseline studies including but not limited to archeology, fish, water and wildlife to support an environmental assessment;
- maintenance, use and extension of existing airstrip;
- use of heavy equipment in conducting camp operations, airstrip maintenance and reclamation activities;
- storage of aviation fuel, gasoline, diesel or biodiesel, propane and hazardous materials such as lubricants, greases and coolants, drilling fluids, calcium chloride, oxygen, acetylene and explosives;
- potential establishment of remote fuel caches;
- potential use of biodiesel as a fuel source;
- transportation of crew and equipment via fixed wing aircraft, helicopter, all-terrain vehicles (atvs), trucks, bus, snowmobiles, snowcat and watercraft;
- potential use of an ice airstrip strip and/or historical winter trail route to support resupply;
- use of a portable camp for winter trail support, emergency shelter or exploration camp;
- use of existing quarries and borrow sites for construction materials;
- investigation for new quarries and borrow sites;
- establish a soil treatment facility (landfarm) for the treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soils;
- establishment of a non-hazardous waste landfill;
- use of an incinerator for combustible waste;
- non-combustible waste to be either recycled, reuse/repurpose where possible, backhauled from site or disposed in onsite landfill;
- drill cuttings to be disposed of in a sump;
- human waste will be incinerated or disposed of in a sump;
- greywater to be disposed of in a sump; and
- hazardous waste to be backhauled and disposed of in a suitable facility.

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 www.nirb.ca/project/125502.

The documents received include:

- *NPC Screening Referral*
- *NPC Application*
- *NIRB's Online Application*
- *Non-technical Project Proposals summary in English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun*
- *Project Description*
- *Maps*
- *Photos*
- *Effects Assessment Table*
- *Engagement Plan*
- *Environment and Heritage Resources Protection Plan*
- *Spill Response Plan*
- *Wildlife Protection Plan*

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. project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **February 24, 2020**.

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.

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/125502.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at johokannoak@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)

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
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