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Your file *Votre référence*
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Our file *Notre référence*
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Nunavut Impact Review Board
29 Mitik Street, P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU
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Dear Reviewer:

**Subject: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Blur Star Gold Corp.'s
"Ulu Gold Project" Project Proposal**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program (DFO-FFHPP) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments for Blue Star Gold Corp.'s (the Proponent) application for the Ulu Gold Project (the Project).

As directed by the NIRB in their letter dated February 3, 2020, DFO-FFHPP is providing the following comments with respect to the Project's screening. DFO-FFHPP understands that the NIRB would like interested parties to provide comments regarding:

- 1) Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

DFO-FFHPP is not aware of any significant public concern at this stage of review.

- 2) Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;

DFO-FFHPP has reviewed the Proponent's application pursuant to its mandate to determine whether it is likely to cause the death of fish by means other than fishing and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. DFO-FFHPP has no concerns with the Project as proposed.

- 3) Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; if so, why;

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DFO-FFHPP has reviewed the Proponent's application pursuant to its mandate to determine whether it is likely to result in the death of fish by means other than fishing and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat which are prohibited under subsections 34.4(1) and 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act* unless authorized. Specific information regarding the location and volume of the watercourse for camp water usage and mineral exploration are required to properly assess potential impacts to fish and fish habitat.

- 4) Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and

The Proponent has indicated that the intake structure will be screened. Please refer to Fisheries and Oceans Canada's 'Interim code of practice: End-of-pipe protection screens for small water intakes in freshwater' for further mitigation measures for intake structures (<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/codes/screen-ecran-eng.html>).

- 5) Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

It is your *Duty to Notify* DFO-FFHPP if you have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing and/or the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. Such notifications should be directed to <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/contact-eng.html>.

If you have any questions please contact Rick Kiriluk at our Burlington office at 905-336-4560 or by email at Rick.Kiriluk@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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