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**Re: Acknowledgement of the 2020 Annual Report for 5530 Nunavut Inc.'s "Meadowbank Precious Metal Project"**

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Dear Tara Gunson:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received 5530 Nunavut Inc.'s 2020 Annual Report for the "Meadowbank Precious Metal Project" on December 7, 2020 as required pursuant to the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements condition 3 of the Screening Decision Report, dated May 18, 2017.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Condition 3 states:

3. *The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive final report to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on or before December 31, 2017. The final report must contain, but is not limited to, the following information:*
  - a. *A detailed summary of activities undertaken, including any reclamation work for drilling activities, and provide site photos where relevant;*
  - b. *A log of wildlife observations including locations (i.e., latitude and longitude), species, number of animals, and a description of animal activity;*
    - i. *A discussion of impacts to caribou, and how mitigation and monitoring was expected to address the impacts;*
    - ii. *A summary of impacts from the project observed during operations, the number of times work was ceased due to wildlife being in proximity to the project, and a description of how the Proponent ensured that operational activities were managed and modified to avoid impacts on wildlife and*

*sensitive areas. Should mitigation measures be triggered, include details should include how mitigation and monitoring measures within the exploration areas were implemented and the results of the measures as implemented.*

- c. The results of any environmental studies undertaken by or in coordination with the project, or any plans for future studies;*
- d. A detailed summary of air and ground traffic volumes and description of the restrictions adopted to avoid wildlife disturbance by aircraft flight and road traffic noise;*
- e. A summary of consultations undertaken with the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization and the Kivalliq Inuit Association, providing copy of materials presented for discussion, a description of issues and concerns raised, advice offered to the company as well as any follow-up actions that were required or taken to resolve any concerns expressed about the project proposal including updated versions of plans highlighting commitments; and*
- f. A summary of how the company has complied with NIRB conditions contained within the Screening Decision Report.*

Upon review of your submission we have concluded that 5530 Nunavut Inc.'s 2020 Annual Report for the "Meadowbank Precious Metal Project" contains the information as required above and that there are no deficiencies to note.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125086](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125086).

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or [motokiak@nirb.ca](mailto:motokiak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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