



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Solstice Gold Corporation's "Kahuna Gold Property" Project Proposal



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Via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for Solstice Gold Corporation's
"Kahuna Gold Property" Project Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

On March 25, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Solstice Gold Corporation's "Kahuna Gold Property" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal:

CIRNAC #1: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit Through Employment and Training Procurement Opportunities

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. Members of the communities of Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet should be prioritized in any project-related employment and training opportunities that may be made available.

CIRNAC #2: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent maintain open communication with the Hamlets of Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet, their respective Hunters and Trappers Organizations, as well as any community members and organizations which may have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:



- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses, and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley at (867) 975-4556 or by e-mail at Richard.Bingley2@Canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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