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Sent via email: mtunney@solsticegold.com

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Solstice Gold Corporation's "Kahuna Gold Property" project proposal

Dear Martin Tunney:

On February 17, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Solstice Gold Corporation's (Solstice) "Kahuna Gold Property" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On March 25, 2021 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by April 15, 2021.

On or before April 15, 2021 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- *Government of Nunavut*
- *Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada*

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125583.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- Concerns about the property is located within the annual ranges of two (2) herds of barren-ground caribou (the Qamanirjuaq and Lorillard herds) and concerns about the monitoring and mitigation measures for caribou;

- Concerns on potential impacts the Winter Trail will have on wildlife and the environment;
- Concerns regarding the Spill Prevention and Response Plan, and Abandonment & Restoration Plan,
- Concerns with the level of engagement that has taken place regarding this Project, including consultations with the impacted communities and regional Hunters' and Trappers Organizations/Associations.

The NIRB would like to provide Solstice with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **May 5, 2021**.

If Solstice determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4616 or femingak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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