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Sent via email: d.lindsay@bluestargold.ca

Re: Acknowledgement of the 2022 Annual Report for Blue Star Gold Corp's "Ulu Gold Project"

Dear Darren Lindsay:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Blue Star Gold's 2022 Annual Report for the "Ulu Gold Project" on March 28, 2023, as required pursuant to the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements condition 4 of the Screening Decision Report, dated April 6, 2020.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Condition 4 states:

4. *The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive annual report with copies provided to the Nunavut Impact Review Board, by March 31st of each year of permitted activities beginning March 31, 2021. The annual report must contain at least the following information:*
- a) *A summary of activities undertaken for the year, including but not limited to:*
 - *a map showing the approximate location of drill sites;*
 - *a map showing the location of the fuel cache(s);*
 - *a description of local hires, contracting opportunities and initiatives;*
 - *flight altitudes, frequency of flights and flight routes;*
 - *site photos;*
 - *any reclamation work undertaken;*
 - b) *A work plan for the following year, including any progressive reclamation work to be undertaken;*

- c) *A summary of community consultations undertaken throughout the year, providing copy of materials presented to community members, a description of issues and concerns raised, discussions with community members and 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;*
- d) *A log of instances in which community residents occupy or transit through the project area for the purpose of traditional land use or harvesting. This log should include the location and number of people encountered, activity being undertaken (e.g., berry picking, fishing, hunting, camping, etc.), date and time; and any mitigation measures or adaptive management undertaken to prevent disturbance;*
- e) *A discussion of issues related to wildlife and environmental monitoring, including the number of cease-work orders required as a result of proximity to caribou and any other wildlife;*
- f) *A brief summary of WMMP results as well as any mitigation actions that were undertaken. In addition, the Proponent shall maintain a record of wildlife observations while operating within the project area and include it as part of the summary report. The summary report based on wildlife observations should include the following:*
 - 1. *Locations (i.e., latitude and longitude), species, number of animals, a description of the animal activity, and a description of the gender and age of animals if possible.*
 - 2. *Prior to conducting project activities, the Proponent should map the location of any sensitive wildlife sites such as denning sites, calving areas, caribou crossing sites, and raptor nests in the project area, and identify the timing of critical life history events (i.e., calving, mating, denning and nesting).*
 - 3. *Additionally, the Proponent should indicate potential impacts from the project, and ensure that operational activities are managed and modified to avoid impacts on wildlife and sensitive sites.*
- g) *An analysis of the effectiveness of mitigation measures for wildlife;*
- h) *Summary of any heritage sites encountered during the exploration activities, any follow-up action or reporting required as a result and how project activities were modified to mitigate impacts on the heritage sites;*
- i) *Summary of its knowledge of Inuit land use in/near the project area and explain how project activities were modified to mitigate impacts on Inuit land use; and*
- j) *A summary of how the Proponent has complied with conditions contained within this Screening Decision, and all conditions as required by other authorizations associated with the project proposal.*

Upon review of your submission, we have concluded that Blue Star Gold's 2022 Annual Report for the "Ulu Gold 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/125502.

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

Sincerely,



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