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Merle Keefe
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Sent via email: mkeefe@b2gold.com

Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding B2Gold Corporation's Back River Project 2024 Annual Report

Dear Merle Keefe:

On April 09, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received B2Gold Corporation's (B2Gold) *Back River Project 2024 Annual Report (2024 Annual Report)* as required by Project Certificate No. 007.

On May 23, 2025, the NIRB requested that interested parties review the *2024 Annual Report* and provide comments with respect to their jurisdiction and/or area of expertise by June 23, 2025, on whether the conclusions reached by B2Gold in the *2024 Annual Report* were valid. Furthermore, parties were requested to comment on the Proponent's compliance status regarding authorizations that have been issued for the Project Certificate.

The NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

Commenting Party	Document ID
Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)	356262
Government of Nunavut (GN)	356263
Health Canada (HC)	356259
Transport Canada (TC)	356261
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	356260

The NIRB received notice from the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) that they would be submitting comments on or before July 23, 2025, and on or before July 11, 2025 (respectively). Once the submissions are

received, the NIRB will issue a notification of submission along with the Document ID number and any updated procedural guidance as soon as possible.

All comment submissions received by the NIRB related to the *2024 Annual Report* can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at: www.nirb.ca/project/125740 or by searching for the above Document ID numbers or .

The NIRB would like to provide B2Gold with an opportunity to address all comments prior to the completion of the *2024-2025 NIRB Annual Monitoring Report for the Back River Project*, and requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **August 5, 2025**.

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

Questions regarding the NIRB's monitoring process can be directed to Keith Morrison, Manager, Project Monitoring at kmorrison@nirb.ca; and inquiries related to the Back River Project can be directed to the undersigned at vnayak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Varun Nayak
Monitoring Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Back River Distribution List