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W2018C0007

**Mason Mantla, Chair**

Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board  
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**LAND USE PERMIT W2018C0007 AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR THE NIGHTHAWK GOLD CORP INDIN LAKE GOLD PROPERTY**

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

Nighthawk Gold Corp. (Nighthawk) is currently permitted by the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB) to conduct mineral exploration, winter road construction, operation of camps, and fuel storage at the Indin Lake Gold Property, under the Land Use Permit W2018C0007. Nighthawk respectfully submits this Permit amendment request to the WLWB to expand the fuel storage capacity at the Colomac Camp.

No changes are requested for the location of activities, project description, roads and access, waste management methods, fuel transfer methods, or permit schedule and term.

For context, Nighthawk has applied for Type A water licenses (W2021L2-0004 and W2021L2-0005) and a new Type A land use permit (W2021C0009). As the Final Work Plan for W2021C0009 indicates that these applications will not be approved until August 2022, Nighthawk requests an amendment to Land Use Permit W2018C007 to allow additional fuel to be transported to and stored at Colomac until the new Permit W2021C0009 is approved. This amendment would mean that W2018C0007 will have the same fuel storage limits as W2021C0009.

Currently, fuel is brought to the Colomac camp by air charter and requires continual re-stocking by air charter. Permit W2018C0007 allows 300,000 litres of fuel to be at site at any time. Nighthawk wishes to raise this limit so that fuel for the entire year can be transported to Colomac via winter road.

Please note that Nighthawk intends to transport this fuel to the Colomac camp during the March/April 2022 winter road, so approval of this amendment and the updated Spill Contingency Plan is required for early March.

**Amendment Request Package**

This amendment request includes the following information and documents:

- Nighthawk requests that the WLWB amend Condition #68 to increase fuel storage from 300,000 litres to 1,255,830 litres (allowing 6,000 drums of diesel plus some additional allowance for gasoline and jet fuel). The proposed new Condition #68 is as follows:
  - *The Permittee shall have a maximum of 1,255,830 litres of fuel stored on the land use site at any time, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Board.*

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- Nighthawk requests that the WLWB amend Condition #58 to provide additional security for the storage of fuel on federal land. Security for federal lands is currently \$137,696. Nighthawk proposes to increase the security for federal lands by \$54,001, based on the proposed security for both land and water on federal lands in the RECLAIM Estimate submitted with application W2021C0009<sup>1</sup> (refer to cell H20 on the Chemicals worksheet). The proposed new Condition #58 is as follows:
  - *Prior to the commencement of the land-use operation on federal lands, the Permittee shall deposit with the Minister a security deposit in the amount of \$191,697.*
- An Engagement record showing evidence pre-submission engagement is included with this request.
- An Impact and Mitigation table that considers the additional fuel storage is included with this request.
- Updated Spill Contingency Plan to describe the fuel storage locations and any additional mitigation required (Version 4.0 which was included with the application for W2021C0009 and updated to incorporate recommendations following public review and already considers the storage of 1,255,830 litres of fuel) is included with this request.

No fees are provided with this request, as there are no fees required for an amendment, and no additional federal lands will be used.

All other submissions related to W2018C0007 remain valid (including maps, GIS files, Engagement Plan, Waste Management Plan).

## Preliminary Screening

Nighthawk understands that the additional fuel storage requires preliminary screening. The Impact and Mitigation Table attached to this amendment request describes the possible environmental impacts and the proposed mitigation for the additional fuel storage. Previous preliminary screenings for mineral exploration at the Indin Lake Gold Property were completed under W2012C0002, summarized below.

- Preliminary Screening of W2006C0001 (MV2005C0020) dated 9 February 2006.<sup>2</sup>
- Preliminary Screening of W2012C0002 dated 29 February 2012, to include additional camp, fuel storage and exploration area.<sup>3</sup>
- Preliminary Screening of W2012C0002 Amendment dated 28 May 2014, to include additional leases, with possible satellite camp and fuel storage at the new location.<sup>4</sup>
- Preliminary Screening of W2018C0017 Amendment dated 19 November 2020 to increase camp size and equipment.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2021C0009/Nighthawk%20-%20RECLAIM%20Estimate%20-%20Nov%203\\_21.xlsm](https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2021C0009/Nighthawk%20-%20RECLAIM%20Estimate%20-%20Nov%203_21.xlsm)

<sup>2</sup> [http://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2006C0001/W2006C0001%20-%20W2006L2-0001%20-%20MERC%20-%20Preliminary%20Screening%20-%20Land%20Use%20Permit%20and%20Water%20Licence%20-%20Feb%209\\_06.pdf](http://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2006C0001/W2006C0001%20-%20W2006L2-0001%20-%20MERC%20-%20Preliminary%20Screening%20-%20Land%20Use%20Permit%20and%20Water%20Licence%20-%20Feb%209_06.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2012C0002/W2012C0002%20-%20Merc%20-%20Land%20Use%20Permit%20-%20Preliminary%20Screening%20-%20Feb%2029\\_12.pdf](http://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2012C0002/W2012C0002%20-%20Merc%20-%20Land%20Use%20Permit%20-%20Preliminary%20Screening%20-%20Feb%2029_12.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2012C0002/W2012C0002%20-%20Nighthawk%20-%20Amendment%20Application%20-%20Preliminary%20Screening%20-%20May%2029\\_14.pdf](http://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2012C0002/W2012C0002%20-%20Nighthawk%20-%20Amendment%20Application%20-%20Preliminary%20Screening%20-%20May%2029_14.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2018C0007/W2018C0007%20-%20Nighthawk%20-%20LUP%20Amendment%20-%20PS%20Determination%20Notification%20and%20RFD%20-%20Nov%2019\\_20.pdf](https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2018C0007/W2018C0007%20-%20Nighthawk%20-%20LUP%20Amendment%20-%20PS%20Determination%20Notification%20and%20RFD%20-%20Nov%2019_20.pdf)

- Preliminary Screening of W2018C0017 Amendment dated 22 April 2021 to include additional leases and updated Water Use Plan.<sup>6</sup>

In each of these Preliminary Screenings, it was found that there was no reasonable likelihood that the Project might have a significant adverse impact on the environment or might be a cause of public concern.

Please refer also to the environmental management plans including the approved Waste Management Plan (Version 3.2), the Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (Version 3.1), and the updated Spill Contingency Plan submitted with this amendment request (Version 4.0) which describe Project mitigation.

## **Closure**

We thank you for considering this amendment request. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

**Nighthawk Gold Corp.**

### ***Original Signed by:***

Denise Lockett  
*Manager, Stakeholder Relations, Licensing and Permitting*

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Engagement Record  
Attachment 2: Impact and Mitigation Table

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<sup>6</sup> [https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2018C0007/W2018C0007%20-%20Nighthawk%20-%20WL%20and%20LUP%20Amendment%20-%20PS%20Determination%20Notification%20and%20RFD%20-%20Apr%2022\\_21.pdf](https://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/W2018C0007/W2018C0007%20-%20Nighthawk%20-%20WL%20and%20LUP%20Amendment%20-%20PS%20Determination%20Notification%20and%20RFD%20-%20Apr%2022_21.pdf)

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