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INDIN LAKES PROJECT WILDLIFE MITIGATION AND MONITORING PLAN 2019 AND 2020 ANNUAL REPORT, W2018C0007

Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

Nighthawk Gold Corp. (Nighthawk) submits this Annual Report for the Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) Version 3.1. This Annual Report covers activities from 2019 and 2020.

Wildlife Observations

Wildlife species of concern for the Colomac camp are communicated to all staff and contractors at Safety Meetings (see the Water Licence Annual Reports). Staff and contractors are required to document all relevant wildlife sightings at the Colomac camp.

A total of six wildlife species were observed at the site in 2019 and 2020. Black bears were the most common species recorded with a total of nine observations over both years. Caribou were observed on two occasions in 2019, both on Steeves Lake; a group of three individuals were observed on May 14, 2019, and a group of four individuals were observed on May 15, 2019. Other species that were observed include bald eagle (2 individuals), Arctic fox (1 individual), moose (5 observations), and ptarmigan species (1 individual). Two common ravens were observed at the camp most days in 2019 and 2020. Copies of wildlife sightings logs are provided in the Water Licence Annual Report.

Few wildlife observations are noted at the Colomac camp because people are generally working in buildings with high noise levels and no view to the outside. If field crews are working outside, they are either in close vicinity to drill rigs, which are noisy and so are avoided by most wildlife species, or wear bear bells to warn wildlife of their presence. As most of the exploration work occurred within the footprint of the Colomac mine, there was very little disturbance to vegetation or wildlife habitat.

Wildlife Incidents

No wildlife incidents occurred, and there were no instances of impacts to wildlife habitat that were not predicted.

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Unanticipated Disturbance to Wildlife Habitat

No unanticipated disturbances to wildlife incident occurred.

Observations of Traditional and Non-Traditional Land Use

No instances of traditional or non-traditional land use were observed during the exploration activities.

Discussion of the Effectiveness of the WMMP Mitigation

The WMMP mitigation is reviewed with site staff during orientation, and during safety meetings. Examples of wildlife issues discussed during safety meetings are provided in the Water Licence Annual Reports. Observation sheets used for reporting and recording all wildlife sighting are in the kitchen at camp for ease of access and reporting.

Recommended Changes to the WMMP

The Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan has been an effective tool to limit and monitor impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat at the Indin Lakes Gold Property. The WMMP should be updated to include most recent species at risk listings

Closure

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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