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File: W2018C0007,
W2018X0006,
W2018L2-0002,
and W2018L2-0003

Mr. Michael J. Byron
Nighthawk Gold Corporation
141 Adelaide St. W., Suite 301
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Sent by email

Dear Mr. Byron,

ISSUANCE OF TYPE "A" LAND USE PERMITS (W2018C0007 AND W2018X0006) AND TYPE "B" WATER LICENCES (W2018L2-0002 AND W2018L2-0003)

Attached are the Land Use Permits and Water Licences granted by the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act* and *Waters Act*. These Authorizations have been issued for a period of 5 years, commencing on February 15, 2019 and expiring on February 15, 2024.

The Executive Directors of the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley (Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Gwich'in Land and Water Board, Sahtu Land and Water Board, and Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board) have determined that water source information must be provided for all water licences, including identification of the known or potential source(s), source volumes, maximum volumes to be used, and other supporting information regarding water sources. As such, the Board requests that sixty days prior to water use (from sources other than Steeves Lake and Baton Lake), Nighthawk must submit a Water Use Plan, providing additional information on water sources. Please view the Reasons for Decision for additional information.

Please read all of the conditions of the Authorizations carefully and note that the following security deposits are required:

Authorization:	Security required:	Posted to:
W2018C0007	\$399,729	Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands North Slave Region #16 Yellowknife Airport YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 3T2

W2018X0006	\$137,696	Receiver General for Canada CIRNAC Financial Services, PO Box 1500, YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2L9
W2018L2-0002 (federal)	\$21,614	Receiver General for Canada CIRNAC Financial Services, PO Box 1500, YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 2L9
W2018L2-0003 (non-federal)	\$110,078	Government of the Northwest Territories Environment & Natural Resources #600 5102 50th Avenue YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 3S8

Please send a copy of the security deposit receipts to the WLWB office. The Board also requires Nighthawk to use unit costs provided in the RECLAIM model, and to submit supporting information when using specified costs or allowances, in future security estimates. The Board recognizes that there is a need for Nighthawk to assess and potentially refine the security estimate during the ICRP review.

The Engagement Plan, Waste Management Plan, and Spill Contingency Plan have been approved. These plans require revisions and are to be submitted by the due dates set out in the Reasons for Decision. The Board also requests Nighthawk to work collaboratively with GNWT-ENR and WRRB on wildlife management aspects.

Please be advised that this letter, with attached procedures, all Inspection Reports, and correspondence related thereto, are part of the Public Registry, and are intended to keep all interested parties informed in which the requirements of the Authorizations are being met. Nighthawk must ensure compliance with all applicable Federal, Territorial, Tlicho, and Municipal Legislation, in addition to ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of these Authorizations.

The full cooperation of Nighthawk is anticipated and appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ryan Fequet at (867) 765-4589 or email at rfequet@wlwb.ca.

Yours sincerely,



Joe Mackenzie
Chair, Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board

Attachments:

- Land Use Permit W2018C0007
- Land Use Permit W2018X0006
- Water Licence W2018L2-0002
- Water Licence W2018L2-0003
- Reasons for Decision
- General Procedures for the Administration of Licences in the Northwest Territories

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