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Dear Mr. Fequet:

Information Request for Nighthawk's Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 3.3 (W2018L2-0003)

On February 26, 2021, the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (the Board) requested information from the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Environment and Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR) with respect to the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 3.3 submitted by Nighthawk Gold Corp. (Nighthawk).

Specifically, the Board outlined that in response to comments and recommendations, Nighthawk had referenced discussions that took place outside of the Board's process (e.g., GNWT-ENR comment 8). The Board also outlined that it was their understanding that "after reviewer recommendations were submitted, Nighthawk engaged with reviewers to discuss recommendations about the selected closure activity for the rock pile."

In its Information Request, the Board requested the following information:

- a) Please provide confirmation that Nighthawk's responses provided to your organization's recommendations within the ORS, reflect the discussions that your organization had with Nighthawk related to the change of the selected closure activity for the waste rock.

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GNWT-ENR provides the following response to this request:

In review of the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 3.3, GNWT-ENR referenced engagement with Nighthawk and their consultants in several comments. This engagement occurred prior to GNWT-ENR submitting comments and recommendations to the Board on November, 24, 2020. No further engagement between GNWT-ENR and Nighthawk occurred subsequent to this date related to the change of the selected closure activity for the waste rock. GNWT-ENR would like to note that the above statement is made in regard to Water Management and Monitoring staff and does not include discussions between Nighthawk and the Regional Water Resource Officer. Therefore, GNWT-ENR's position with regards to the selected closure activity for the waste rock remains unchanged from the recommendations that were included within that submission.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [Nathen Richea@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Nathen.Richea@gov.nt.ca) or 867-767-9234 Ext. 53110.

Regards,



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