



# ENGAGEMENT PLAN

*Indin Lake Gold Project*

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## REVISION HISTORY

The table below is a revision history table that outlines the revisions made by Nighthawk to this document.

Version	Date	Section	Summary of Changes
2.0	September 2018	All	Submitted with applications for W2018L2-0002, W2018L2-0003, W2018C0007, W2018X0006.
3.0	October 2018	Appendix A	Engagement Record updated to include evidence of pre-submission engagement with potentially affected parties, following direction from the WLWB dated 9 October 2018.
3.1	February 2019	2.0	Added list of parties consulted with respect to closure and reclamation activities, following direction from the WLWB in the Reasons for Decision from the Board meeting dated 24 January 2019.
		Appendix C	Added Consultation Log for closure and reclamation, following direction from the WLWB in the Reasons for Decision from the Board meeting dated 24 January 2019.
3.2	April 2019	All	Minor editorial updates throughout.
		2.0	Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre removed from list of affected parties.
		2.0	Two new Engagement Triggers related to the Closure and Reclamation Plan have been added for all affected parties, following direction from the WLWB in the Reasons for Decision from the Board meeting dated 24 January 2019.
4	June 2021	1.0	Added reference to the Tłı̨cho Government Consultation and Engagement Guidelines Updated Nighthawk's Primary Contact
		2.0	Updates to Engagement Triggers in Tables 1-3
		2.0	Added Table 4 with contact information for each Affected Party.
		Appendix A	Removed Appendix A, as the Engagement Record should be submitted separately as required.
		All	Minor editorial updates throughout



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document is Nighthawk Gold Corp's (Nighthawk's) Engagement Plan for use at the Indin Lake Gold Project (the Project), encompassing camp operations at the Colomac Camp, fuel storage at the Colomac, Damoti Lake and Diversified camps and exploration activities in the Indin Lake region in the Northwest Territories (NWT). Nighthawk is a junior gold exploration company whose primary exploration property is the Indin Lake Gold Project located in the Wek'èezhii region of the NWT. The Wek'èezhii region is the management area of the Tłı̄chǫ Government, with the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) having the wildlife co-management authority for the region as established by the Tłı̄chǫ Agreement. The Tłı̄chǫ Government represents the communities of Behchokǫ, Gamètì, Wekweètì, and Whatì. The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) represents the rights of the Métis people of the Great Slave Lake area, primarily in the region north and east of Great Slave Lake, NWT.

This Engagement Plan is intended to outline Nighthawk's engagement to respectfully and effectively collaborate and inform affected parties. It was prepared following the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences (MVLWB 2014), the Land Use Permits and Engagement and Consultation Policy (MVLWB 2013), and the Tłı̄chǫ Government Consultation and Engagement Guidelines (Tłı̄chǫ Government 2019).

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) defines engagement as "the communication and outreach activities a proponent undertakes with affected parties prior to and during the operation of a project". The level of engagement should reflect the scale, location and nature of a proposed activity (MVLWB 2014). An affected party is defined as "a party that is predicted to be affected by a proposed project, such as an Aboriginal organization/government, an individual occupying land for traditional purposes, a private landowner, or lease holder" (MVLWB 2014).

Updated Engagement Records will be provided as required.

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## 2.0 AFFECTED PARTIES AND ENGAGEMENT TRIGGERS

This section summarizes the engagement triggers as well as engagement purpose and format for each of the affected parties. The affected parties for the purposes of this Engagement Plan are:

- Tłjchq Government
- Wek'èezhì Renewable Resource Board
- North Slave Métis Alliance

Nighthawk understands that engagement is a process that is ongoing through the lifetime of a project. The engagement process for this Project started in 2012 and will continue throughout the upcoming phases of the Project. Nighthawk has been and will continue to remain in contact with the affected parties, including discussions on the format of engagement. Triggers, purpose and format of engagement with the affected parties are listed in Tables 1 to 3. Contact information is provided in Table 4.



**Table 1: Engagement Triggers with the Tl̓jchq Government**

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement <sup>1</sup>	Information to be Recorded
1	Land Use Permit or Water Licence application, amendment, or renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate changes to the Land Use Permit or Water Licence</li> <li>To explain the reason behind the application</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding any change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone conversation</li> <li>Email with stakeholder letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of phone call</li> <li>Copy of letter distributed</li> </ul>
2	Seasonal opening or closing of the Colomac exploration camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate seasonal opening or closing of the existing camp</li> <li>To provide an overview of the scope of the exploration program</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence</li> <li>Phone conversation (upon request)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> <li>Provide the water licence annual report including any observations, spills, or wildlife encounters.</li> </ul>
4	Results of exploration program received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To inform of the results of Nighthawk's exploration activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>News release distributed via email</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archive of news release</li> </ul>
5	Semi-annual in person update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide an update on Nighthawk's exploration activities</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns</li> <li>To build and foster relationships</li> <li>To invite the Resource Management Working Group to collaborate in the review of the material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In person meeting at a location to be determined by the respective party at their request</li> <li>Phone conversation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of meeting materials</li> <li>Minutes or summary meeting</li> </ul>
6	Non-scheduled update requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the request of the Tl̓jchq Government</li> <li>To provide information, receive comments, or hear concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone conversation</li> <li>Email correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> </ul>
7	Updates to the Closure and Reclamation Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns on the Project Closure and Reclamation Plan prior to any updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the semi-annual in person update</li> <li>Phone conversation</li> <li>Email correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of meeting materials</li> <li>Minutes or summary meeting</li> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> </ul>
8	Damoti Final Closure and Reclamation Plan (FCRP) (1 year prior to submission to the WLWB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To notify the Tl̓jchq Government before starting the work on the Damoti FCRP</li> <li>To present the closure plan options, criteria and monitoring plan to the Resource Management Working Group before submission of the FCRP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence</li> <li>Phone conversation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Format for Engagement is to initiate engagement only and will thereafter follow the guidance for extended engagement described in the Tl̓jchq Government Consultation and Engagement Guidelines.



Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement <sup>1</sup>	Information to be Recorded
9	Initiation of Damoti closure or reclamation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate Nighthawk's intent to begin Damoti closure and reclamation activities under an approved Final Closure and Reclamation Plan</li> <li>To invite the Tłjchq Government to a site visit after closure work is completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence</li> <li>Phone conversation (upon request)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> </ul>
10	Winter road to either Colomac or Damoti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate that a winter road will be constructed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence</li> <li>Phone conversation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> </ul>



**Table 2: Engagement Triggers with the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board**

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement	Information to be Recorded
1	Land Use Permit or Water Licence application, amendment, or renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate proposed changes to the Land Use Permit or Water Licence</li> <li>To explain the reason behind the application</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding any change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone conversation</li> <li>Email with stakeholder letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of phone call</li> <li>Copy of letter distributed</li> </ul>
2	Seasonal opening or closing of Colomac exploration camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate seasonal opening or closing of the existing camp</li> <li>To provide an overview of the scope of the exploration program</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence</li> <li>Phone conversation (upon request)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> </ul>
4	Results of exploration program received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To inform of the results of Nighthawk's exploration activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>News release distributed via email</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archive of news release</li> </ul>
5	Semi-annual in person update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide an update on Nighthawk's exploration activities</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns</li> <li>To build and foster relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In person meeting at a location to be determined at the party's request</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of meeting materials</li> <li>Minutes or summary meeting</li> </ul>
6	Non-scheduled update requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide information, receive comments, or hear concerns, at the request of the WRRB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Format shall be dependent on the situation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records shall be kept in a manner appropriate for the situation</li> </ul>
7	Updates to the Closure and Reclamation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns on the Project Closure and Reclamation Plan prior to any updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the semi-annual in person update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of meeting materials</li> <li>Minutes or summary meeting</li> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> </ul>
8	Initiation of Damoti closure or reclamation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate Nighthawk's intent to begin Damoti closure and reclamation activities under an approved Final Closure and Reclamation Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> </ul>





**Table 3: Engagement Triggers with the North Slave Métis Alliance**

Item No.	Engagement Trigger	Purpose(s) for Engagement	Format for Engagement	Information to be Recorded
1	Land Use Permit or Water Licence application, amendment, or renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate proposed changes to the Land Use Permit or Water Licence</li> <li>To explain the reason behind the application</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding any change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone conversation</li> <li>Email with stakeholder letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of phone call</li> <li>Copy of letter distributed</li> </ul>
2	Seasonal opening or closing of the Colomac exploration camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate seasonal opening or closing of the existing camp</li> <li>To provide an overview of the scope of the exploration program</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence</li> <li>Phone conversation (upon request)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> </ul>
4	Results of exploration program received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To inform of the results of Nighthawk's exploration activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>News release distributed via email</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archive of news release</li> </ul>
5	Semi-annual in person update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide an update on Nighthawk's exploration activities</li> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns</li> <li>To build and foster relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In person meeting at a location to be determined at the party's request</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of meeting materials</li> <li>Minutes or summary meeting</li> </ul>
6	Non-scheduled update requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide information, receive comments, or hear concerns, at the request of the NSMA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Format shall be dependent on the situation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records shall be kept in a manner appropriate for the situation</li> </ul>
7	Updates to the Closure and Reclamation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To solicit comments, suggestions, or concerns on the Project Closure and Reclamation Plan prior to any updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the semi-annual in person update</li> <li>Email correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of meeting materials</li> <li>Minutes or summary meeting</li> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> </ul>
8	Initiation of closure or reclamation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To communicate Nighthawk's intent to begin Damoti closure and reclamation activities under an approved Final Closure and Reclamation Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email correspondence</li> <li>Phone conversation (upon request)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of email correspondence to be retained</li> <li>Record of phone call (if applicable)</li> </ul>



**Table 4: Engagement Contact Information**

Organization	Contact Name	Email	Phone
Tłıchq Government	Grace MacKenzie Violet Camsell-Blondin	gracemackenzie@tlichoc.com violetcamsellblondin@tlichoc.com	(867) 766-4003
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North Slave Metis Alliance	Jessica Hurtubise	Jess.Hurtubise@nsma.net	(867) 873-6762

### 3.0 ENGAGEMENT RECORD

A summary of all engagement undertaken for the Project based on the engagement triggers described in Section 2 is recorded in an Engagement Record. The Engagement Record includes an entry for each engagement, including the following information:

- Date of engagement
- Name of party / group
- Permitting stage
- Issue or topic of the engagement
- Resolutions, actions, comments
- The type of engagement (e.g., written notification, phone calls, emails, meetings) and relevant documents
- Attendees / individuals involved

Further to this, the Engagement Record should also include an Engagement Summary to document the discussion and resolution of issues. Engagement Summaries will be included as required.

### 4.0 REFERENCES

MVLWB (Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board). 2013. Engagement and Consultation Policy.

MVLWB 2014. Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits.

Tłıchq Government. 2019. Consultation and Engagement Guidelines. Department of Culture and Lands Protection.

