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Masi Rhiana. TG agrees with board staff that a public review is not needed.

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Dzë nezj, (Good day),

Nighthawk Gold Corp. (Nighthawk) submitted a [follow up response on October 14th](#), 2022, as part of its response to the Board's [July 21, 2022 Information Request](#). Nighthawk had initially submitted a [response on August 31, 2022](#), however Board staff requested additional information on [September 1, 2022](#).

In its follow up response, Nighthawk confirmed it did not wish to receive authorization for bulk sampling within new areas of the Indin Project area. This aligns with the original application, and therefore Board staff believe a public review of this submission is not needed at this time. However, if Parties believe a public review is necessary, please inform Board staff by **October 28th, 2022 at 5 PM MT**. If Board staff do not hear from Parties, the record for the Nighthawk – Water Licence Amendment Applications and Land Use Permit Application proceeding will be closed.

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RE: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Response Regarding Closing the Proceeding For Nighthawk Gold Corporation Indin Lake Water Licence Applications and Land use Permit Application

- Draft Federal Type A Water Licence – W2021L2-0005
- Draft Non-Federal Type A Water Licence – W2021L2-0004
- Draft Type A Land Use Permit – W2021C0009

In an email dated October 14, 2022, the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) requested that Parties inform Board staff by October 28, 2022 if they believe a public review is necessary regarding the clarification of the scope for the Type A Water Licences and Land Use Permit applications for the ongoing mineral exploration at the Nighthawk Gold Corporation (Nighthawk) Indin Lake Property.

In preparation for providing this response, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) Resource and Land Management has reviewed the following documents submitted by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Nighthawk, and the WLWB related to the above referenced proceeding:

- July 11, 2022 GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources Closing Arguments and RECLAIM submission
- July 18, 2022 Nighthawk Closing Arguments and RECLAIM submission
- July 21, 2022 Letter from the WLWB to Nighthawk: Reasons for re-opening the record and request for information re: bulk sampling definition and associated security
- August 31, 2022 Letter from Nighthawk to the WLWB: Nighthawk responses to board supplemental IRs re: bulk sampling definition and associated security, issued July 21, 2022
- September 1, 2022 Letter from the WLWB to Nighthawk: Water licence amendment applications and land use permit application – additional clarification





- September 30, 2022 Letter from Nighthawk to the WLWB: Response to WLWBs letter of September 1, 2022
- October 14, 2022 Letter from Nighthawk to the WLWB: Response to WLWBs letter of September 1, 2022

It is noted that the scope of the proposed applications evolved over the course of the closing argument submissions by GNWT and Nighthawk, and letters exchanged between Nighthawk and the WLWB. However, based on Nighthawk's October 14, 2022 response it is understood that Nighthawk is no longer seeking authorization for bulk sampling within the Indin Lake Project area. As suggested by the WLWB email correspondence, this aligns with the original application and more closely reflects the scope discussed in technical hearing.

It is also understood that should Nighthawk be interested in conducting bulk sampling in the future, this would be addressed through a formal amendment process that would include a draft bulk sampling plan. Questions and comments that CIRNAC or other Parties may have related to bulk sampling, timing/location of bulk sampling, and potential security required would be addressed at that time.

Without the inclusion of bulk sampling, the scope of Nighthawk's application aligns with CIRNAC's original understanding of the proposed activities. As such, CIRNAC does not think a public review is necessary and supports the board closing the proceeding.

CIRNAC would like to thank the WLWB for the opportunity to provide comment. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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