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TECHNICAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

Water Licence Amendment Applications and Land Use Permit Application	
File Number	W2021L2-0005, W2021L2-0004, W2021C0009
Company	Nighthawk Gold Corp (Nighthawk)
Project	Nighthawk – Type A Water Licence Application (federal and non-federal) and Type A Land Use Permit Application
Location	Indin Lake, NT
Activity	Mining and Milling, Exploration

Technical Workshop Information	
Location(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In person at the Chateau Nova - Caribou Room, Yellowknife NT; and • Virtually via Zoom
Date(s)	February 15, 2022: 1:00 pm to 4:30pm February 16, 2022: 9:00am to 4:00pm February 17, 2022: 9:00am to 1:00pm
Any individuals and organizations wishing to attend in person should know that they will be required to undergo COVID Screening in order to enter the venue. Anyone wishing to join virtually must contact Meghan Schnurr at 867-765-4590 for the log-in information by February 11, 2022.	

Purpose:

This Technical Workshop is meant to provide a forum where Parties can discuss their concerns about the Applications directly with the Applicant and their consultants. It is the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board)'s hope that such a discussion, as facilitated by Board staff, will increase each Party's understanding of the issues as well as of the perspectives of others. In our experience, technical sessions and workshops can be useful both in focussing the content of Parties' subsequent interventions to the public hearing and in reducing the number of outstanding issues between Parties. Although it would be helpful if some issues are resolved during this Workshop, there is no requirement to do so; Board staff will guide questions and discussions to ensure Parties have sufficient information to submit evidence that the Board can use to establish Water Licence and Land Use Permit conditions. Discussions at this Workshop may also reveal the need for further information requests of the Applicant or other Parties. The Work Plan for this regulatory proceeding includes time for Parties to fulfill information requests, if required, prior to the deadline for public hearing interventions.

Please note that a technical workshop is not a public hearing, and Board members and their legal counsel will not be participating. It is the Board’s wish that this Workshop be as informal as possible to promote discussion. Recommendations for the Water Licences and Land Use Permit should be made in the formal written interventions submitted to the Board prior to the Public Hearing, and in Parties’ Closing Arguments prior to the end of the proceeding.

General Reminders:

- Organization and timelines of the Workshop are at the discretion of the facilitator.
- There will be breaks in the morning, over lunch, and in the afternoon.
- Participants that are attending virtually are asked to join the meeting 15min before the scheduled start times to test their audio/video (see agenda below). Presenters should also be prepared to conduct a screen-sharing test run.
- No hard copies of any materials will be available at Workshop – participants should bring everything they need with them.
- Before the Workshop, participants should download all relevant documents, such as presentations, from the Board’s Public Registry [[W2021L2-0004](#), [W2021L2-0005](#), [W2021C0009](#)].

Agenda:

All times are approximate. The Applicant will provide short introductory presentations to help initiate discussion for each topic listed below. Participants are encouraged to have questions prepared in advance for each topic and take the opportunity to follow up on issues raised in the Review Summary Table. References to specific reviewer comments from the Review Summary Table are provided in the agenda below, and the following abbreviations are used in these references.

Abbreviation	Reviewer
CIRNAC-Inspector	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada - Inspector
CIRNAC-CARD	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada - Contaminants and Remediation Directorate
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
GNWT-ENR	Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Natural Resources
GNWT-Inspector	Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Lands - North Slave Region Inspector
GNWT-Lands	Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Lands
GNWT-PWNHC	Government of the Northwest Territories – Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
TG	Tłı̨chǫ Government
WRRB	Wek’èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
WLWB	Wek’èezhìi Land and Water Board Staff
YKDFN	Yellowknives Dene First Nation

Day 1: February 15, 2022	Time	Topic	Review Comment References
	12:45 – 1:15 pm	Arrival Time and Test Run: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) • Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) • Coffee and snacks provided 	
	1:15 – 1:30 pm	Opening Prayer and Health and Safety	
	1:30 – 1:45 pm	Round Table Introductions and Opening Statements from Board staff	
	1:45 – 2:15 pm	Project Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Overview Presentation by Applicant 	
	2:15 – 4:15pm (Breaks are scheduled as required)	Drainage Assessment [Damoti]	
		Definition of Receiving Environment	GNWT-ENR comment 1 and 2; WLWB comment 18
		Compliance Point	GNWT-ENR comment 5; TG comment 13; WLWB comments 17 and 19
		SNP	ECCC comment 2; GNWT-ENR comment 16; TG comment 16
		Waste Rock Chemistry [Damoti]	GNWT-ENR comment 15; TG comment 11
4:15 – 4:30pm	Final Day 1 Comments and Information Requests		
4:30pm	Day 1 Adjourned		

Day 2: February 16, 2022

Time	Topic	Review Comment References
8:30 – 9:00am	Arrival Time and Test Run: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) Coffee, snacks and COVID screening provided 	
9:00 – 9:15am	Round Table Introductions and Recap of Agenda and Day 1 (Board staff)	
9:15 – 10:00am	Continuation of Discussion from Day 1 (if needed)	
10:00am – 4:00pm (Breaks are scheduled as required)	Effluent Quality Criteria [Damoti]	
	Expected Concentrations in Lardass Lake and Approach to EQC Development	GNWT-ENR comment 3; TG comments 12, 14,15;
	pH	WLWB comment 20; YKDFN comment 1
	Total Phosphorus	GNWT-ENR comment 6
	Oil and Grease	GNWT-ENR comment 12; WLWB comment 21
	Monitoring and Response	ENR comment 4; WLWB comment 22
	Water Use	
	Potential Impacts/Mitigations	WLWB comment 11
	Water Source	DFO comment 4
	Clarification of Volumes	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 8; DFO comment 1; GNWT ENR comments 7,8; TG comment 7; WLWB comment 9, 10
	LWB Reference Bulletin for Water Use	DFO comment 2; GNWT-ENR comment 9
	Notification, Monitoring, and Reporting	DFO comments 3,5; GNWT-ENR comment 14
	Corresponding Water Licence Conditions	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 3; GNWT-ENR comment 10
	Dissolved Oxygen	TG comment 6
	Engagement	TG comment 5
	Security	
	Allocation of liability	WLWB comment 6
	Fuel storage	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 4; WLWB comment 7
	Colomac	GNWT-Lands comment 1; WLWB comment 8
Engagement	GNWT-ENR comment 32	
4:00 – 4:15pm	Final Day 2 Comments and Information Requests	
4:15pm	Day 2 Adjourned	

Day 3: February 17, 2022

Time	Topic	Review Comment References
8:30 – 9:00am	Arrival Time and Test Run: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) Coffee, snacks, and COVID screening provided 	
9:00 – 9:15am	Round Table Introductions and Recap of Day 2 (Board staff)	
9:15 – 10:00am	Continuation of Discussion from Day 2 (if needed)	
	Federal Water Licence Conditions	
	Scope	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 7; TG comment 1
	Licence Term	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 2
	Operating season	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 1
	SNP	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 10
	Fuel Storage	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 11
	Communication with Inspector	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 9
	Interaction with CIRNAC site	CIRNAC-CARD comments 1-5
	Non-federal Water Licence Conditions	
	Erosion Inspections	GNWT-ENR comment 11
	Post-closure	GNWT-ENR comment 13
	Comments regarding the Land Use Permit	
	Explosives	ECCC comments 3; GNWT-ENR comment 31
	Shut Down Period	CIRNAC-Inspector 12, 13, 14; GNWT-Inspector comment 1,3; WLWB comment 4
	Fuel Storage	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 16; WLWB comment 12
	Spring Break Up	GNWT-Inspector comment 4
	Archaeological overview and assessments	GNWT-PWNHC comment 1; TG comment 17
	Equipment	WLWB 5
	Recommended Removal of Condition	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 15; GNWT-Inspector comment 2, 5
	Spill Contingency Plan	
	Increased Fuel	WLWB comment 13, 14
	Missing Information	GNWT-ENR comments 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30
	General comments and administrative suggestions	CIRNAC-Inspector comment 5; GNWT-ENR comments 25, 26, 28; GNWT-Inspector comment 6
	Waste Management Plan	
	General comments and request for additional information	GNWT-ENR comments 17, 18, 19; GNWT-Inspector comment 7
	Disposal of grey and drill water	GNWT-ENR comment 20
	Incinerator and ash disposal	GNWT-ENR comment 21; TG comments 2,3
	Wildlife and WMMP	
	Species at Risk	ECCC comments 4, 5, 6

		Reporting	TG comment 4
		Wildlife Habitat	ECCC comment 4; TG comment 10
		Additional Impacts and Mitigations	
		Eskers	WLWB comment 15
		Wildlife Harvesting	TG comment 9
		Green House Gases	TG comment 8
	4:00 – 4:15pm	Final Comments and Confirmation of Information Requests	
	4:15pm	Meeting Adjourned	

Logistics for Remote Workshop:

Set-up:

- Each participant should prepare and test their video and audio ahead of time, and each time they log in to the Workshop, to ensure their devices are functioning properly and are fully charged or plugged in.
- Zoom will download automatically when the participant starts or joins the first Zoom meeting and is also available for manual download [here](#). Participants should download the current version of Zoom before the Workshop to ensure all functions are available.
- For assistance using Zoom, participants can review the following [Zoom Video Tutorials](#).
- To participate only by phone, participants can call one of the Zoom teleconference lines (provided in the Zoom link from Board staff).
- Participants that are experiencing technical difficulties due to poor internet connections can limit videoconference participation to audio only or call in by phone as noted above.
- Each participant is asked to use the following as their screen name: first and last name, followed by the acronym of their respective organization (e.g., Paula Green – WLWB)
 - This can be accomplished by selecting the three dots in the upper right-hand portion of the viewing pane and selecting “rename.”
- Each organization will need to identify a representative, who will act as the liaison for all participants in that organization during the Workshop. Each organization should provide their representative’s contact information to Board staff prior to the Workshop (or to the facilitator at the start of the Workshop if not known in advance).
- [Screensharing](#) in Zoom will be used during presentations. The presenter will share their screen to display their presentation (note that this can be done by the facilitator instead if requested in advance). Presenters should state the document name and page numbers to ensure all participants can follow along.

Etiquette:

- A workshop facilitator will guide the order of presentations, turn-taking, time limits, and breaks.
- If a participant would like to speak or has a follow-up question, they can use the Zoom group chat (visible to everyone) to notify the facilitator, who will add them to the speaking order. Each organization/participant will be given opportunities to speak.
- To minimize background noises, feedback, and disruption to others, participants should always keep their microphone/headset muted when not speaking. Participants should **only unmute when the facilitator has indicated it is their turn to speak**.
- The Zoom meeting will be recorded to ensure the transcription is accurate. **In accordance with privacy legislation, participants must not record the workshop or take screen shots.**
- A remote workshop can cause participation fatigue. The Board appreciates everyone's patience, professionalism, cooperation, communication, and collaboration during the workshop.

Technical Difficulties:

- In the event of a disruption to the workshop or technical difficulties, Board staff will contact the representative of each organization by cell phone, text, or e-mail to communicate the contingency plan if necessary.
- If a participant is having technical difficulties, they should notify the representative of their organization. The representative should contact Board staff directly or through Zoom.

Covid-19 Protocol for Participants Attending In-Person:

Participants that are attending the workshop in person, as well as the support staff, are required to undergo the following COVID-19 screening protocol upon arrival. **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE MEETING ROOM IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. Are you required to self-isolate due to travel from outside the NWT? Is anyone in your household required to self-isolate due to travel outside of the NWT?
 2. Have you been advised to isolate or self-isolate by Protect NWT or a healthcare provider in the last 14 days?
 3. Have you had close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 4. Do you have ANY of the symptoms identified in the [GNWT Self Assessment Tool](#)?
- Participants **must** bring masks to wear whenever they are moving around the room and/or if they are less than 6ft/2m from another person.
 - Those attending in person must sign in and provide contact information in case subsequent contact tracing is required.