

April 10, 2000

Dear (see distribution list) :

**Re: Review of the Cariboo Gold project under the *Environmental Assessment Act* and Identification of Permit Information Reviews**

The Cariboo Gold project proposed by International Wayside Gold Mines Ltd. is being reviewed under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Act). Copies of the application for a project approval certificate (the application) will be delivered under separate cover by International Wayside Gold Mines Ltd. to those members of your agency who will be participating in the:

- environmental assessment as a project committee member or agency reviewer; and/or
- in the permitting review as a permitting authority.

Review under the Act will provide for the assessment of the environmental, economic, social, cultural, heritage and health effects of the Cariboo Gold project and will result in a Ministerial decision to approve or not approve the project. International Wayside Gold Mines Ltd. cannot proceed with project development or obtain any statutory approvals, Crown Land dispositions or permits (permits) until the Environmental Assessment (EA) is completed and a project approval certificate is issued.

**Environmental Assessment Review**

Participation of your agency is invited in the environmental assessment review of the Cariboo Gold project through either membership on the project committee set up to steer the review, or through written review submissions.

Agencies typically participate in reviews as project committee members where a project raises significant policy, regulatory or other programming implications affecting their agency mandate. As

a member of the project committee, an agency would participate in all proceedings and committee decisions. Project committee members:

- assess the adequacy of the public consultation activities of the proponent,
- provide technical analysis and policy advice to the review process (for example, by reviewing the application and the comments received),
- provide details on information requirements for permit-level reviews (see below under Permit Review), and
- provide an indication of support for project committee reports and recommendations.

For a detailed explanation on the roles and responsibilities of project committee members or reviewing agencies, please review the enclosed excerpt from the Environmental Assessment Operations Manual

entitled Appendix V: Standard EA Project Committee Operating Procedures.

We will do our best to make it possible for project committee members to participate through video/conference calls and/or correspondence if attendance at meetings is not possible. To make such arrangements, we would require advance notice.

Agencies which choose to participate as reviewing agency will have an opportunity to provide written comments on project materials as the review proceeds. Reviewing agencies do not approve or sign-off on project committee reports and recommendations, but are provided with copies of minutes of meetings and general project committee correspondence.

Agencies who decline to participate in a project review are not sent any further project committee materials or documentation, but may be asked to provide advice on matters within their mandate, where this is deemed necessary by the project committee.

Either as a project committee member or as a reviewing agency, your agency is invited to provide written comments on the application. Once the project committee has met you will be advised as to the deadline for agency comments to be submitted. The public comment period concludes on mid-June, 2000. For detailed guidance on preparation of agency comments on the application, please review the enclosed excerpt from the Environmental Assessment Operations Manual entitled Appendix VII: Guidelines for Submission of Agency Comments.

The entire text of all agency submissions will be available to the public through the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) Project Registry, and will be forwarded to the proponent.

In order to meet legislated time limits, the EAO is required to establish the project committee for this project by May 1, 2000. Kindly advise me whether your agency will participate as a project committee member or as a reviewing agency, or will not participate in this review.

The first project committee meeting is being proposed for the morning of April 26, 2000 in Quesnel, British Columbia. Please advise my office as to your availability. The proponent will be holding an open house in Wells, British Columbia, the evening of April 25, 2000. If you are interested in attending the open house or would like a site visit to be arranged for the afternoon of April 25, 2000, please contact my office.

### Permit Review

Identification of issues associated with all provincial permit approvals and corresponding public and First Nations consultation will be coordinated with the EA review. Agencies are expected to provide details of permit requirements as they become available during the EA process and, for projects which receive EA approval, to participate in post-EA permit review coordination activities.

If your agency may have provincial permitting responsibilities with respect to this project, please forward this letter and the attached documents entitled Permit Summary Chart Outline of Permit Review and Processing Details the relevant permitting authorities. It is requested that the responsible pertaining authority complete the documents, to the extent possible at this stage of the review. Please have the complete Permit Summary and Outline documents to me directly or through your agency project committee member or reviewer (if any) by July 31, 2000 (end of the application review period). This information will be summarized in the Tracking Chart of Required Permits at the close of the EA process to assist with permit coordination.

In closing, please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or if additional copies of the application are needed. Working with me on the review from the EAO will be Monica Townsend, Administrative Assistant, (250) 744-4177 and Bob Osborne, Aboriginal Relations Coordinator (250) 387-1417.

Yours truly,

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Marcia Farquhar  
Project Committee Chair  
Cariboo Gold Project Review

- Enclosures: Excerpts from the Environmental Assessment Operations Manual:  
- Appendix V: Standard EA Project Committee Operating Procedures  
- Appendix VII: Guidelines for Submission of Agency Review Comments

Permit Summary Chart

Outline of Permit Review and Processing Details

Tracking Chart of Required Permits

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