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PART C – ABORIGINAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Part C of the Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate/Environmental Impact Statement (Application) details Aboriginal information requirements on each of the Aboriginal groups specified in the section 11 Order, Application Information Requirements (AIR), and the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines (EIS Guidelines). Section 14 describes background information and the environmental, economic, social, and cultural settings for each of the identified Aboriginal groups and the Métis Nation of British Columbia (BC) potentially affected by the proposed Blackwater Gold Project (the Project). Section 15 contains the information that New Gold Inc. (Proponent) has obtained to date (directly from either the identified Aboriginal groups or other public sources) regarding the asserted Aboriginal rights in the Project area. Section 16 presents the interests identified by Aboriginal groups with respect to potential social, economic, environmental, heritage and health effects, and research that identified potential Project effects as they relate to Aboriginal interests. Section 16 also provides an assessment of potential effects on Aboriginal interests. Section 17 provides an overview of the Aboriginal consultation objectives, approach, and tools employed by the Proponent in the advancement of the Project. Section 18 summarizes potential effects of the Project on asserted Aboriginal rights in the Project area, as well as specific accommodation measures including design consideration, mitigation measures, and specific commitments to address those effects.

