

August 31, 2021

Via SEDAR

TO: British Columbia Securities Commission  
AND TO: Alberta Securities Commission  
Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan  
Manitoba Securities Commission  
Ontario Securities Commission  
Autorité des marchés financiers (Québec)  
New Brunswick Financial and Consumer Services Commission  
Nova Scotia Securities Commission  
Prince Edward Island Office of the Superintendent of Securities  
Newfoundland and Labrador Office of the Superintendent of Securities  
(collectively, the “**Securities Regulatory Authorities**”)

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. (the “Issuer”) – Technical Report Filing**

In accordance with Section 4.2(12) of Companion Policy 43-101CP to National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* (“**NI 43-101**”), we confirm that the attached technical report, entitled “NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA,” with an effective date of June 1, 2021 (the “**Technical Report**”), is being voluntarily filed by the Issuer with the Securities Regulatory Authorities.

While the Technical Report has been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101, the Technical Report is not required to be filed under NI 43-101. We are nonetheless filing the Technical Report with the Securities Regulatory Authorities as a general update of the information on the Donlin Gold property.

Yours truly,

**NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.**

*/s/ Gregory A. Lang*

Gregory A. Lang  
President and Chief Executive Officer