

January 22, 2026

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British Columbia Securities Commission  
Alberta Securities Commission  
Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission  
The Manitoba Securities Commission  
Ontario Securities Commission  
Autorité des marchés financiers  
Nova Scotia Securities Commission  
New Brunswick Securities Commission  
Prince Edward Island Securities Office  
Securities Commission of Newfoundland and Labrador

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. (the “Company”)  
Annual Report on Form 10-K – Consent of Expert**

I, Paul Baluch, P.Eng., a Qualified Person as defined in National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*, consent to the public filing of the technical report titled “*NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Donlin Gold Project, Alaska, USA*” that has an effective date of November 30, 2025 (the “**Technical Report**”) by the Company.

I also consent to the use of any extracts from, or a summary of, sections of the Technical Report in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K dated January 22, 2026 (the “**Annual Report**”) for which I am responsible.

I certify that I have read the Annual Report and that it fairly and accurately represents the information in the sections of the Technical Report for which I am responsible.

(signed) “*Paul Baluch*”

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Paul Baluch, P.Eng.  
Wood Group USA Inc.