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New Brunswick Securities Commission
Nova Scotia Securities Commission
Newfoundland and Labrador, Securities Division,
Department of Government Services and Lands
Registrar of Securities, Prince Edward Island

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**RE: High River Gold Mines Ltd.
Final Short Form Prospectus dated July 19, 2005**

We refer to the (final) short form prospectus (the "Prospectus") dated July 19, 2005 of High River Gold Mines Ltd.

We hereby consent to the use of our firm name on page 2 of the Prospectus and under the headings "Interest of Experts" and "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus and consent to the use of our firm name and the reference to our opinion under the headings "Eligibility for Investment" and "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations".

We confirm that we have read the Prospectus and have no reason to believe that there are any misrepresentations in the information contained in the Prospectus that is derived from our opinion referred to above or that is within our knowledge as a result of the services we performed in connection therewith.

This letter is solely for the information of the addressees and is not to be referred to in whole or in part in the Prospectus or in any other similar document and is not to be relied upon for any other purpose.

Yours truly,
"Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP"