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NWB File No: 2BE-NCB

March 20, 2006

Jeremy Howe, Logistics Coordinator BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. 800 – 1055 Dunsmuir Street Four Bentall Centre Vancouver, BC V0N 1G0

Email: Jeremy.j.howe@bhpbilliton.com

Re: Application Acknowledgement for 2BE-NCB – New Application for Type "B" License

Dear Mr. Howe:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on March 3, 2006 of your new water license application, for the North Central Baffin Project.

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it does not contain sufficient information for the NWB to evaluate the qualitative and quantitative effects of the use of water or the deposit of waste on water. Specifically, we are asking you to provide the following:.....

- 1. Project summary in English and Inuktitut
- 2. Application Fee of \$30.00
- 3. Water Use Fee of \$30.00
- 4. A preliminary Abandonment and Restoration Plan
- 5. An up-to-date application form which is available from our ftp site at the following link. Please ensure that a signed copy is also forwarded to our office.

http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB%20Administration/NWB%20GENERAL%20INFORMATION/Application%20Forms/

"We will resume the processing of your application once we receive the requested information."

My apologies for not getting back to you sooner on this file. I was away on duty travel for a week and then home sick for a week. Things sure do pile up in a hurry.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or email at licensing@nwb.nunavut.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing

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