

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NEW APPLICATION
BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.

Pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (“Act”), notice is given that BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. filed an application for a new water license to the Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) to use water or deposit of waste into water for the following project:

File #: 2BE-NCB
Project: North Central Baffin Project
Location: Latitude: Max 71° Min 67 °;
Longitude: Max 80° ; Min 72°
Purpose: Exploratory Drilling
Type: “B”

Interested persons are invited to make representations before May 10, 2006

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Copies of all application documents may be obtained by affected parties, free of charge, through the internet on our ftp site at <http://ftp.nunavut.ca> in “nwb” and folder “2BE and sub-folder “2BE-NCB” or by contacting:

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Failure to respond to this Notice of Application within the specified period shall result in the loss of the right to be compensated, pursuant to Sections 58 to 61 of the Act.