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RE: Acknowledgement of the 2017 Annual Report for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's "Jericho Mine Stabilization" Project

Dear Michael Westlake:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) 2017 Annual Report for the "Jericho Mine Stabilization" project on May 30, 2018 as required pursuant to the Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 2 of the Screening Decision Report, dated December 22, 2012.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirement 2 states:

2. *The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive annual report to the Nunavut Impact Review Board at the end of each year of permitted activities, and before December 31st of each year. It is expected that reporting requirements under NIRB File No. 16UN058 will be coordinated with existing reporting requirements associated with INAC's ongoing site management and monitoring functions related to the Jericho Diamond Mine Project (NIRB File No. 00MN059) as approved to proceed under Project Certificate No. 002. The Board expects to receive the first such report on or before December 31, 2017.*

The annual report must contain, but not limited to, the following information:

- a) *A summary of activities undertaken for the year, including:*
 - *a map and associated details pertaining to remediation activities and site operations conducted to-date;*

- *a map detailing the locations of all fuel storage areas illustrating all containment structures, accompanied with a description of all containment measures implemented;*
 - *a description of local hires and employee training initiatives;*
 - *details on transportation activities undertaken including:*
 1. *aircraft flight frequency, approximate flight routes, and altitudes;*
 2. *finalized winter road routing and vehicle traffic information (number of return trips, types of vehicles);*
 - *site photos illustrating site conditions and areas of remediation works;*
 - *a summary of wastes disposed on-site as well those transported for disposal off-site, including locations and any required mitigation during transportation;*
- b) *An updated work plan for the following year including an approximate work schedule;*
- c) *A summary of community consultations undertaken throughout the year, providing copy of materials presented to community members, a description of issues and concerns raised, discussions with community members and advice offered to the Proponent, as well as any follow-up actions that were required or taken to resolve any concerns expressed about the project;*
- d) *A log of instances in which community residents occupied or transited through the project area for the purpose of traditional land use or harvesting. This log should include the location and number of people encountered, activity being undertaken (e.g., berry picking, fishing, hunting, camping, etc.), date and time; and any mitigation measures or adaptive management undertaken to prevent disturbance;*
- e) *A brief summary of wildlife mitigation and monitoring results as well as any mitigation actions undertaken. In addition, the Proponent shall maintain a record of wildlife observations while operating within the project area and include it as part of the summary report. The summary report should include the following:*
- *Locations (i.e., latitude and longitude) and species of wildlife observed on-site including number of animals, a description of the animal activity, and a description of the gender and age of animals if possible;*
 - *Prior to conducting project activities, the Proponent should map the location of any sensitive wildlife sites such as denning sites, calving areas, caribou crossing sites, and raptor nests in the project area, and identify the timing of critical life history events (i.e., calving, mating, denning and nesting);*
 - *The Proponent should indicate potential impacts from the project, and ensure that operational activities are managed and modified to avoid impacts on wildlife and sensitive sites;*
 - *A summary of the effectiveness of mitigation measures for wildlife impacts; and*
 - *If mitigation measures are observed to be ineffective or not achieving the expected outcomes, a discussion of issues interfering with the mitigation and alternative plans to reduce impacts to the wildlife in the vicinity of the project;*

- f) A summary of any heritage sites encountered during the exploration activities, any follow-up action or reporting required as a result, and how project activities were modified to mitigate impacts on the heritage sites;*
- g) A summary of its knowledge of Inuit land use in/near the project area and how project activities were modified to mitigate impacts on Inuit land use; and*
- h) A summary of how the Proponent has complied with conditions contained within the Screening Decision Report, and all conditions as required by other authorizations associated with the project proposal.*

Upon review of your submission we have concluded that INAC's 2017 Annual Report for the "Jericho Mine Stabilization" project contains the information as required above and that there are no deficiencies to note.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Jericho Mine Stabilization
- NIRB File No.: 16UN058
- Application No.: 125012

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or at motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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