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RE: JOSEPHINE LAKE ROAD PROJECT PROPOSAL
NIRB File: 09AN049

Dear Ms Payette,

Shear Minerals Ltd. would like to response to your email request dated August 6, 2009 in regards to the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet's Josephine Lake Road project proposal.

Shear Minerals has never requested the construction of the road as proposed by the Hamlet and has yet to sit down with the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet to discuss and address the scope of their road project in detail. Although we are aware of the road project and have received maps of their proposed routes from the Hamlet, we have not seen the design or specifications for the road or the possible use of the road.

Shear Minerals Ltd was made aware that the Josephine Lake road intended use is as a community access road to harvest gravel for the community needs as well as to access historical sites of significance and for fishing activity. Shear Minerals supports all economic endeavors undertaken by the community and has written support letters as such as well as provided proprietary air photo/satellite imagery/data to assist them in the planning of such endeavors.

Shear Minerals has not considered the use of the road in our exploration operations as of yet. Shear Minerals continues to operate under our current license and permits with no changes to the program. Our plans are to still continue as an air supported exploration program. If at any point in the future Shear Minerals plans changes to this we will make the appropriate plans for notification and any required amendments to permits and licences.

Shear Minerals would like to stress that our current Churchill Diamond Project is in the exploration stage and the fact that our camp is a temporary camp in a temporary location. Exploration is quite a dynamic process and continues to evolve and change as a project advances. Given the stage of our current project Shear Minerals' goal is to minimize the footprint of our activities and an air-based program has been the most effective way to achieve this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above listed numbers if you would like to discuss this further. I look forward to hearing positive news on the advancement of this project and meeting in the future to discuss the possibility of future work together.

Sincerely



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