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**DATE:** September 7, 2004

**TO:** Tahera Distribution List

**RE:** Conformity Analysis of Tahera Corporation Limited's Water Licence Application

for the Jericho Diamond Project

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt of a Water Licence Application ("Application") submitted on CD-ROM by Tahera Corporation Limited ("Tahera") for the Jericho Diamond Project. The Application has been placed in the NWB Public Register and is available for public consultation at the NWB offices in Gjoa Haven and Cambridge Bay. It has also been placed for download on the NWB ftp site at <a href="http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1JER%20D/">http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1JER%20D/</a> and sub-folder 2004 Submission. Tahera has also confirmed that copies of the CD-ROM will be mailed to interested persons on the NWB distribution list. Please contact Mr. Greg Missal, Tahera's Vice-President of Nunavut Affairs, by telephone (416-777-1998) or email (<a href="missal@tahera.com">missal@tahera.com</a>) if you have not received a copy of the CD-ROM or if you would like to receive a paper copy.

As indicated in our letter of August 3, 2004 to Tahera, the NWB will give interested persons the opportunity to review the Application for conformity in order to identify subject-matters which have not been dealt with in the Application. The conformity analysis is focused on the identification of subject-matters that may have been omitted in the Application, rather than on a qualitive assessment of the information it contains. This conformity analysis will help the NWB determine if Tahera's Application generally conforms to the Guidelines that were issued on August 3, 2004. Significantly, this determination will allow the NWB to proceed to a public hearing with all the necessary information. The NWB asks that all comments on conformity be submitted to the NWB's Manager of Licensing by mail, email (licensing@nwb.nunavut.ca) or fax (867-360-6369) no later than September 22, 2004, 5 p.m., following the directions on format found in section 2.0 of the Guidelines. After considering all representations, the NWB expects to make a determination on the conformity of the Application within 3 days of this deadline and set subsequent hearing dates as appropriate.

Once the NWB has determined that the Application conforms to the Guidelines, the NWB will give public notice of a hearing and invite interested persons to make representations in accordance with legislation and provisions of the NWB's *Rules of Practice and Procedures for Public Hearings*. The NWB will also make the Application available to the public within a reasonable period of time before the commencement of the hearing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB Manager of Licensing, by telephone or email (licensing@nwb.nunavut.ca).

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Philippe di Pizzo Executive Director