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NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

NWB File No.: NWB1JER

BY EMAIL

October 8, 2004

To: Jericho Distribution List

Subject: Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference
Application for a Type A Licence, Jericho Diamond Mine (Nunavut)

Dear Parties:

Please find attached the proposed agenda for the technical meeting and pre-hearing conference scheduled for October 28 and 29, 2004 in Kugluktuk, Nunavut.

The purpose of the technical meeting is to provide an open forum for interested persons to question and seek clarification from Tahera regarding their water licence application, in advance of their filing written submissions prior to the December 6, 2004 hearing deadline. This meeting will be facilitated by Nunavut Water Board (NWB) staff. For a more productive technical meeting, we recommend that interested persons submit their initial questions or comments on the application and supporting documents to the NWB at least two days before the meeting so that Tahera can be better prepared to answer all questions. The NWB also encourage interested persons, including consultants providing expert advice to any party, to meet with Tahera outside of NWB-hosted meetings in order to discuss and resolve technical issues, keeping in mind that the NWB will make its decision based on evidence presented at the hearing.

The pre-hearing conference will be managed by the Chair of the NWB. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is mainly to deal with administrative, preliminary and procedural matters in order to facilitate the conduct of the subsequent hearing. Teleconferencing may be available for parties who will not be physically in Kugluktuk, and will be confirmed shortly.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform Tahera and interested persons that the NWB has retained the services of Ramli Halim, Bryan Leece, Ulysses Klee, Bruce G. Bennett, and Paul Holmes to act as expert witnesses. We have attached their resumes for your information. Although the NWB will defray the cost of their work, these experts are independent and at arm's length from the NWB. They have been asked to review the application and prepare a submission, which will be placed in the public registry and made available to all parties fifteen days before the hearing. They will appear at the hearing to present their findings and will be available to answer questions from the Applicant, interested persons, and the NWB.

Please contact me or Stephen Lines by telephone at (867)-360-6338 or by email at hearingcoordinator@nwb.nunavut.ca to confirm your attendance or for any question regarding these meetings.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

Encl. Agenda
 Resumes (R. Halim, B. Leece, U. Klee, B. Bennett, P. Holmes)

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AGENDA

Application: Application for a Type A Licence, Jericho Diamond Mine (Nunavut)
Applicant: Tahera Diamond Corporation Limited
Location: Main Hall, Community Complex, Kugluktuk (Nunavut)

Technical Meeting

Date and Time: October 28, 2004, starting at 10:00 a.m.

1. Introduction of Participants
2. Presentation by Applicant
3. Questions from Interested Persons on the Application
4. Reply by Applicant and Discussion
5. Closing of the Meeting

Pre-Hearing Conference

Date and Time: October 29, 2004, starting at 9:00 a.m.

1. Introduction of Participants
2. Application to the Board
3. Purpose of the Pre-Hearing
4. Pre-Hearing Review of the Application:
 - a. Identification of Interested Persons
 - b. Scope of the Hearing and Specific Issues
 - c. Identification and Service of Documents to Parties (deadline, public registry, form)
 - d. Translation and the Record (language, transcripts)
5. Hearing:
 - a. Date, Time and Location
 - b. Site Visit, if any
 - c. Order of Events
 - d. Language
 - e. Equipment
6. Other Issues
7. Closing of the Meeting