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May 29, 2003

Stephanie Briscoe
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Re: The Tehera Jericho Diamond Mine

Dear Stephanie,

We recently received a copy of a letter from Mayor Peter Akkikungnaq from Gjoa Haven concerning the impact review of The Tahera Jericho Diamond Mine project.

We echo many of Mayor Akkikungnaq's sentiments, especially in regard to job creation and training possibilities for the West Kitikmeot Communities. The unemployment rate in our town is extremely high and our hope is that this project would open up new opportunities for the residents of Taloyoak.

We regret that the Impact Review Board is not holding meetings in Taloyoak this May and feel that it would have been beneficial for Tahera and Taloyoak to hold a forum to voice their concerns.

Thank you for your prompt response to this letter.

Sincerely,

David Aqqaq
 Mayor
 Hamlet of Taloyoak

c.c Gjoa Haven Mayor, Kugaaruk Mayor