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Stephanie Briscoe  
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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
P.O. Box 2379  
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Dear Ms Briscoe,

**RE: Jericho Diamond Mine Public Hearing Intervention  
Tahera Corporation, Jericho Mine Site, Nunavut.**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (January 2003) and Supplemental Report (October 2003) for the Jericho Diamond Project as submitted by the Tahera Corporation. Attached please find our written comments. This report is intended to assist the Nunavut Impact Review Board in its determination on whether the project should receive approval and if approved, under what terms and conditions.

If the project receives approval DFO will need to negotiate with the proponent to further develop a fish habitat compensation plan and finalize terms and conditions of the various *Fisheries Act* authorizations and *Navigable Waters Protection Act* approvals that will be required.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (867) 979-8007.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

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