

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc closing remarks for the Jericho Public Hearing Conference.

On Behalf of James Eetoolook, 1st VP of NTI, I would like to thank the NIRB board for the opportunity provided NTI to present its views at this hearing.

NTI is the Birth Right organization of the NLCA, representing Inuit in all of Nunavut on Land claim issues. As such, in carrying out our review of the Jericho Diamond mine EIS, our mandate is to ensure that the EIS is complete, and effectively addresses all aspects of design, operations, monitoring, mitigation and closure, to ensure the long term protection of the ecosystem for the benefit of Inuit.

NTI has addressed issues of mine design and monitoring that we believe need to be considered in the project certificate for this project.

These represent issues from a holistic perspective related to the entire ecosystem. Though we realize that some of these issues will be addressed in further regulatory procedures, we believe it is important that all issues be identified by NIRB in its project certificate to ensure issues are not missed. NTI believes that through the terms and conditions of the project certificate issued by NIRB, Inuit can be ensured of proper environmental stewardship of the entire ecosystem.

In conclusion, NTI is in support of this project moving forward, as we see it as a benefit to the Inuit of the Kitikmeot and all of Nunavut.

Thank you for considering our views at this Hearing. We look forward to the NIRB decision and to our ongoing participation in the regulatory process for this project.

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