

February 3, 2004

Honourable Andy Mitchell., M.P. Minister of Department of Indian Affairs & Northern Development 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, 10 Wellington Ottawa, ONT. K1A 0H4 via Federal Express and facsimile

Dear Minister:

Re: Tahera Diamond Mine Project Proposal

Pursuant to Article 12.5.6 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board is pleased to enclose the English version of its Final Report of the Review of Tahera's proposed diamond mine in Nunavut. This Report has been directed to your office for a final decision as per Article 12.5.7 of the NLCA. As you will see, the Board's Determination is that <u>Tahera's project should proceed</u>, subject to specific Terms and Conditions attached to this Report and reflecting the primary objectives of Article 12.2.5 of the NLCA.

Given that the hearing ended less than 30 days ago, the Board is still in the process of translating this Report into French, with a Summary of the report also being translated into Inuinnaqtun and Inuktitut. The Board expects this process to take approximately 14 days. Once the Report is fully translated, the Board will be sending you all translated versions, plus the full transcripts on CD-Rom and a hard copy of all Exhibits at the same time. Also, at that time, the Board will make the full report publicly available for the Proponent and all parties, including translated versions

Yours sincerely,

"original signed by"

Elizabeth Copland Chair

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cc: (letter only) Proponent and full distribution list