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Re: Screening of NRI Research Permit Jericho Diamond Project 2004

The Nunavut Impact Review Board has reviewed the attached application and considers it appropriate under Section 12.10.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement to allow the work to be carried out immediately. NIRB proposes such a course of action because it considers the work necessary to provide additional information needed as part of the regulatory process.

If any party disagrees with this procedure they need to contact the NIRB by 4:30 pm (MT) on June 1st, as the proponent needs to be in the field by the first week in June. The NIRB would like to apologize to the parties for the short notice to review this request.

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to give me a call at 867-983-2593.

Regards,

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