

List of commitments for the Jericho Diamond Project: (Verbal Commitments from Tahera made during Final EA Hearings, January 5-9, 2004)

This may or may not include all of the commitments identified in the NIRB review process for this project:

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2004/01/05	DFO questions TAH 157: 23-26/ 158: 7-9	Water Monitoring Program to include Chlorides	DFO, Dahl: "Will a monitoring program include monitoring for chlorides at the perimeter of Lake C3 where their overland flow is expected to enter the lake?" Mr. Sobolewski: "I don't know that chloride had been identified, but I see no reason why not as one of the constituents to monitor."
2004/01/05	INAC (Hartmaier) questions TAH 176:4, 11-13/ 177:4-5	Permafrost and Pit wall stability	INAC: "I'm just wondering what sort of contingencies there are with regard to the stability of the pit wall bearing in mind that the permafrost temperature I think is fairly warm, it is maybe less than 5 degrees Celsius." C. Scott: "Obviously, that is something that would have to be monitored early on."
2004/01/05	INAC (Hartmaier) questions TAH 178:8-10, 13-15, 21-22	Pit Slope Stability Monitoring	"I noted there was no pit slope stability monitoring included in that geotechnical program." Cam Scott: And I think for operational perspectives, there will be monitoring undertaken on pit slopes. " C. Scott: "Yes, it will be included. There will be a pit slope monitoring program."
2004/01/05	INAC (Denholm) questions TAH, 179:2-6, 19-20	Mitigation of Elevated ammonia and metals levels	Denholm: "I have one question regarding possibility of phosphate addition into the processed kimberlite containment areas and mitigation against elevated ammonia or metals..." Sexsmith: "we would also be monitoring phosphorus..."

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2004/01/05	INAC (Traynor) questions TAH, 197 - 200 197: 13-26, 198: 1-2, 20-25 199: 5-26, 200: 1-7	Suite of Environmental Management Plans	Q: "Essentially a sense of the suite of management plans that you will use." A: "Right." Q: "That looks after the complete management of the mine, you know, what the various components may be, and is there an overlying umbrella type of plan." A: "Right. MR. OTT: Bruce Ott with AMEC. Steve, I take it you want information supplemental to what was provided in the final EIS?" Q: "I guess in the presentation and in the supplemental there didn't seem to be a management structure, if you will, or an overall sense of what the suite of management plans would be. For example, for Ekati or Diavik, they have the spills management plan, you end up having a hazardous waste plan, there is a whole suite of them, as, I guess in your sense you have given things you are going to monitor. The plans allow for not only what will be monitored but what will be contingencies and what will be the triggers that will engage you in that contingency. Because we have heard this morning a lot about, well, if this happens, we will go to spray irrigation, if this happens, we will do this. What is the management plans so that people are aware of when you will trigger these contingencies and what are they?" A: "All right. There is an overall -- there will be an overall environmental management plan developed." TAH Cont'd: "There is an occupational health and safety plan, and DIAND has indicated that in addition to that, they will require a -- oh, there is a reclamation plan, sorry, and DIAND has indicated in their supplemental that they would require a granular materials management plan, that is for development of the eskers, and that would also be -- that would also be put together. The overall management plan will -- would knit all these various plans together. They all are components of an overall management plan. The idea, conceptually at any rate, is to make these plans conform to the ISO standard, which is something that a lot of companies are doing these days, and that provides you with a very sound management structure and provision for continual improvement in provision for internal and external

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2004/01/05	INAC (Traynor) questions TAH, 206:4-10, 12-15	Commitment to provide all modeling and report information	"...that brings us to the point in the regulatory process whether the company will commit to providing us with all your modelling and report information beyond what was provided in the -- well, the rudimentary information provided in there, will you make it to the regulators, the Water Board, KIA and ourself for those further discussions at a later date?" MR. MISSAL: "Greg Missal with Tahera Corporation. Steve, we would certainly provide all the information we have when we reach that point with, of course, yourselves and KIA and the Water Board."
2004/01/05	INAC (Traynor) questions TAH, 212: 3-9, 14-18	Monitoring of winter road through to project site	Q: "Tahera will commit to making sure that the similar plans that are prepared for the winter road in general, like spill contingencies and wildlife monitoring will continue right up through onto their site and not sort of end at Lupin, that they would continue on with those scenarios." A: "I would agree with you that there would have to be those -- that monitoring done of that portion of the road, whether it was done individually by Tahera or whether it was part of the joint venture."
2004/01/05	KIA (Donihee) questions TAH 226: 10-17	Wildlife Management Plans	Q: "I take it then we are getting a commitment from the company on the wildlife management plan idea that Mr. Traynor raised?" A: MR. MISSAL: "Greg Missal with Tahera. That's correct, we would commit to that monitoring plan." Q: Management plan? A: That's correct, sorry.

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2004/01/06	EC Questions TAH, 244:23-26, 245:1-5 + Entire Section from EC	C1 Diversion & initial in-filling, sedimentation	Rick Pattenden, Mainstream Aquatics: “The quantity of sediments produced during the initial in-filling of the diversion hasn't been estimated. That would be a very difficult number to establish. What Tahera has committed to is best management practices to mitigate any potential sediments that are produced during the initial in-filling. ”
2004/01/06	NIRB Staff Questions TAH, 257:14-24	Dissolved Oxygen measurement in winter	Rick Pattenden, Mainstream Aquatics: “Specific to your question about dissolved oxygen, that was not measured during the winter period but was measured during the open-water period. The lack of information of dissolved oxygen during the winter period is not an issue for the impact assessment. However, as far as being able to monitor mine effects during operation, dissolved oxygen should be measured, and Tahera has agreed to do that. Madam Chair, thank you.”
2004/01/06	NIRB Staff Questions TAH, 266: 4-12	Geotechnical Considerations for berms and retention dykes around fuel storage, etc..	MR. MISSAL: “Madam Chair, Greg Missal. I would just like to add in terms of the Canadian dam inspections, it seems to us that that would be typical protocol for a mine site like this, and so we would adhere to that. And, of course, speaking for Tahera, we would certainly have an environmental staff in place that would do the inspections on the tanks and the berms as Mr. Scott said, on a -- basically on a daily basis. ”

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2004/01/06	NIRB Board Questions TAH, 265: 9-20	Keeping Mine Employees Informed about Risks in Job	“In terms of providing employees with information, there will be every effort made to keep every employee informed of any changes or information updates at the mine site. If we have any unilingual employees, they will be -- everything would be translated for them so that they understood any changes that were happening. Another item that we have made clear in the EIS is that any signs at the mine site would be also be in the different languages as well, English, Inuktituk, Inuinaqtun so that that would help any local employees as well at the mine site. ”
2004/01/06	B. Tilleman Questions TAH, 304:20-26, 305: 1-4	Geotechnical Monitoring Commitment Summary	MR. TILLEMAN: “I really hate to be involved when the Board is asking questions, but Cam had just -- I'm referring to his geotechnical monitoring commitment summary, and I notice that the pit itself is not listed as one of those elements you would be monitoring, so in light of her question, would that commitment be made?” MR. MISSAL: “Greg Missal with Tahera. Absolutely, Bill, absolutely that will be part of monitoring. It is a necessary component of what we need to accomplish.”
2004/01/07	TAH questions to YK Dene First Nation 641: 16-25	Monitoring changes in food chain through lichens	“Your observations on using ground squirrels are good and, I think, bear further considerations, although I think that the effort put into monitoring any changes in the chemical make-up of lichens is probably a more reliable method in effects on the food chain, especially the food chain involving herbivores. And so it bears consideration, but I think we are on the right track with the lichen-monitoring effort, and I think that's it. ”

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2004/01/07	YK Dene First Nation Questions TAH 642: 23-26 & 643:1-19	Air Quality Monitoring Program	“This is just a couple of brief points of clarification. There was comment about concern with regard to trans-boundary of air pollutants, particularly particulate matter. The models indicate that there is a drop-off of the concentrations when you are getting out to about 20 kilometres. We don't anticipate exceedances by the time you get to the border, which is about 50 kilometres away. On the other hand, those -- the model that we use, that type of model really is not very good for long-distance dispersions. Once you get past about 25 kilometres, you can't rely on it. They are just overly conservative and give you unrealistic numbers. So having said that, the way that it will be approached, as said earlier today when Environment Canada was making their presentation, that Tahera will be setting up an air quality monitoring program, and they will be doing that in consultation with agencies such as Environment Canada just to look at those particular questions that you had.”
2004/01/08	NIRB Board Questions TAH, 751: 13-23	Opportunities for Inuit hire outside of Kitikmeot Region	TAH: “The opportunities will be there for all people from Nunavut; however, it is only the communities in the Kitikmeot region that have been designated points of hire as a result of the Inuit Impact Benefit Agreement done with the KIA.” MR. PANEAK: “I was asked by my community people the last time when we had a meeting, and I was asked from my region if there is going to be some job opportunities as well for the Baffin or eastern Baffin area, that was one of the reasons why I asked that question.”

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	Resident questions TAH, 778:20-26/ 779:1-6	Water sampling for quality	MR. OTT: “Bruce Ott, AMEC on behalf of Tahera. One of the things that we need to do is collect water on Inuit-owned lands, and there is -- I believe the area of interest is several kilometres downstream of the site. Now having said that, if there was a problem, that we wouldn't want to have to wait until the problem got several kilometres down away from the site before we detected it, so as Kelly has indicated, there will be a number of samples progressively closer to where any water was discharged from the site right back to the exact point of discharge. ”
2004/01/08	NIRB Board questions to Tahera, 989: 12-23	Site visits	MS. AKOLUK: “Okay. I have another question here about site visits. Will there be any future site visits after the mine is running, I mean, while the mine is running, for elders or even high school students or anyone that's interested?” MR. MISSAL: “Greg Missal, Tahera Corporation. I think the site visits are something that we would like to work into our program. I mean, we have to organize them carefully to make sure we maximize the benefit to the people coming to the site, but that would be something we would definitely consider, yes. ”
2004/01/08	NIRB Board questions TAH, 995: 13-21	Caribou and Blasting Plans	“And I think in a situation like that, the movement of traffic and the use of explosives would be managed on a case-by-case basis, but that it is definitely a condition that should be considered when using explosives, but it is equally important for both animals and people with airplanes at the strip as well as truck traffic on the roads. And it is a matter that should be addressed in the wildlife management plan. ”

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2004/01/09	NIRB Board questions TAH, 995: 24-26, 996:1-18	Wildlife/ calving grounds/ road and mine activity altering migration paths	MS. AVALAK: My name is Mary Avalak. I would like to make a -- I just want to make a comment in regards to the caribou herd, because 1 year after year they don't change their migrating route, because if the migrating herd is disturbed by the mine and they are going to be confused as to which they are going to go next if they have to change their migrating route, and when they start running away from an area, they might fall over a cliff, and some of the rivers are very strong. So that's the concern I have, if the caribou migrating herd is being disturbed from the mine there when they have to change their route, what's going to happen there? MR. HUBERT: Thank you. It is going to be very important to try very hard to prevent those kinds of interactions, because I think the fact that the calving grounds are close to the same area year over year, that the route are learned by the caribou, and that it is important that those routes not be disrupted.
2004/01/09	Gjoa Haven Residents question TAH, 1083: 23-26, 1084: 1-14	List of positions and requirements	MR. FURLOT: Thank you. Sterling Furlot with the Hamlet. That leads into the training that must take place. I guess we have a window of opportunity between now and when you actually start the mine situation in, I believe, '06. Would we be able to get a listing of both the type of jobs and the skill levels that are required so that we can start now working on a training program that would lead to people getting into those positions? MR. MISSAL: Madam Chair, Greg Missal, Tahera Corporation. Sterling, we are currently updating that list. We have had that list prepared in the past, but we are updating it right now, and as soon as it is updated, we will distribute it to groups in the communities such as yours.