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**Re: Recommendations based on the NIRB's 2007 Annual Monitoring Report for the Jericho Diamond Mine Project**

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Dear Mr. Missal:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) met on October 21, 2008 and reviewed the *NIRB 2007 Annual Monitoring Report for the Jericho Diamond Mine Project* (Monitoring Report). The Monitoring Report covers project activities occurring throughout the 2007 year at the Jericho Mine site. Based on their review, the Board has issued the following directions to Tahera Diamond Corporation (Tahera or Proponent):

- 1) Prepare future annual reports such that they meet the requirements as outlined in the revised Appendix D of the Project Certificate (issued November 20, 2007).
- 2) Include additional items requested by the NIRB in future annual reports. The additional items requested can be found in correspondences from the NIRB to Tahera dated March 15, 2007<sup>1</sup> and August 7, 2007<sup>2</sup>.
- 3) Include incineration management procedures in future reports and provide a discussion on how the Proponent will meet the Canada-wide standards for incinerator emissions.
- 4) Provide a written response to the NIRB's correspondence dated August 18, 2008<sup>3</sup> in which the NIRB requested that the Proponent respond to the comments and recommendations on the 2007 Wildlife Summary Report as well as on the status of the mine.
- 5) Respond to the NIRB's correspondence dated August 12, 2008<sup>4</sup> in which the NIRB requested an update on the status of the Jericho Mine site during the Care and Maintenance period and how the Proponent will meet the requirements of the NIRB's Project Certificate.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter dated March 15, 2007, from Sophia Granchinho, NIRB to Greg Missal, Tahera, Re: *Guidelines for Tahera's 2006 Interim Monitoring Report to NIRB*.

<sup>2</sup> Letter dated August 7, 2007, from Sophia Granchinho, NIRB to Greg Missal, Tahera, Re: *Opportunity for Tahera to Respond to Parties Comments on the Annual Monitoring Report for 2006*.

<sup>3</sup> Letter dated August 18, 2008, from Sophia Granchinho, NIRB to Greg Missal, Tahera, Re: *Opportunity for Tahera to Respond to Parties' Comments on the 2007 Wildlife Monitoring Program-Data Summary Report*.

<sup>4</sup> Letter dated August 12, 2008, from Sophia Granchinho, NIRB to Greg Missal, Tahera, Re: *Status of Jericho Diamond Mine and Requirements to meet the Jericho Project Certificate [No. 002]*.

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- 6) Commence monitoring of air quality at the Jericho Mine site based on Tahera's Air Quality Model report (2007) and Air Quality Management Plan (2004). It is also recommended that the Proponent work with Environment Canada to commence the air quality monitoring program.
- 7) Continue monitoring Carat Lake and Lynne Lake for ammonia (as N), and provide mitigative measures if the values exceed the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) guidelines.

Accordingly, the NIRB is requesting a Plan of Action with a firm timetable of implementation from Tahera that addresses the above directions from the Board.

I anticipate receiving your Plan of Action no later than January 7, 2009. Please forward your Plan of Action to the NIRB's Manager of Administration, Leslie Payette at [lpayette@nirb.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.ca).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-983-4607 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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