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Sent via email: ian.gray@aandc.gc.ca; and pemingak@qiniq.com

Re: NIRB Request for Update from AANDC and the KIA regarding Ongoing Activities at the Jericho Diamond Mine Site

Dear Sirs:

On June 6, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or the Board) conducted the NIRB site visit of the Jericho Diamond Mine as a result of coordination between Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA). The NIRB appreciates the opportunity to coordinate with agencies in undertaking activities to fulfill its responsibilities under Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of Project Certificate [002] issued for the Jericho Diamond Mine project on October 30, 2007.

Given the NIRB's ongoing requirement to monitor the Jericho Diamond Mine project and that the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development declared the site closed or abandoned as of January 22, 2014, the Board respectfully requests that AANDC and the KIA outline steps that have been taken or are being planned to address significant non-compliance with the NIRB's Project Certificate [002], and related licences and permits, as well as to preserve environmental protection at the Jericho Diamond Mine site. The NIRB has particular interest in information regarding any inspections and maintenance work conducted or planned in order to preserve the integrity of on-site fuel and tailings containment structures.

In closing, the NIRB appreciates the assistance of AANDC, the KIA and other regulatory authorities in the fulfillment of our monitoring role in respect of the Jericho Diamond Mine Project. Timely communication, receipt of regular updates and on-going exchange of information from all parties greatly assists the Board with being able to carry out this function as effectively and transparently as possible.

The NIRB would like to provide AANDC and the KIA an opportunity to submit correspondence as outlined above and request that the requested plans and steps taken be provided directly to the NIRB by **September 15, 2014**. If it is unrealistic for either party to provide a response by this date, please indicate by September 11, 2014 when the NIRB can expect a response submission. Please send all submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's requests, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4611 or via email at tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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