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Ms. Elizabeth Copland  
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Re: Tahera –Jericho Diamond Project Pre-Hearing Conference.

Dear Ms. Copland

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. will be taking part in the Tahera, Jericho Project Pre-hearing Conference (PHC) in Cambridge Bay on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Mr. Stefan B. Lopatka, Senior Advisor, Environment, Water and Marine Management will be in attendance.

In terms of our opinion on the List of Pre-Hearing Items we submit the following points for consideration:

1. The final EIS should address the Issues of the Ammonia Concentrations and the effectiveness of the flow treatment process.
2. Economic and social impact of small project vs. larger project in future.
3. MVEIRB's role should be specified as participant, but not Regulatory.
4. NIRB is seen as the lead on this issue with water boards cooperation and assistance.
5. At this point there is little to see on site, therefore no site visit is required.
6. A technical hearing excluding the general public in the communities would be seen as hiding something, or decision-making before the communities had an input. We see a technical discussion amongst parties as a conference call or informal technical discussion, and only one public hearing. Technical matters can be presented by written submission and reviewed, outside of the hearing.
7. Place is as specified Date and time will depend on the receipt of any additional info from the PHC.
8. A two-month maximum should be set. This can be reduced if the nature of additional information is limited. However, any significant technical review will require the time.
9. Order is fine.
10. Everyone who submits a written presentation is responsible for his or her own translation.

Sincerely,

***Stefan B. Lopatka M.Sc.A.***

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