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**Re: 2AM-JER0410 – Shear Diamonds (Nunavut) Corp. – Application for
Renewal – Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's
(AANDC) Response to NWB Post Technical Meeting Request**

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to participate in the Shear Diamonds (Nunavut) Corp. (Shear) Type A water licence renewal technical meeting and pre-hearing conference on June 20-21, 2011 in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut.

Please find attached an updated version of Shear's Technical Submissions Table. AANDC's responses are included in the 'Recommendation/Request' column, in bold lettering.

In general, AANDC will be undertaking a complete audit of all reports and submissions relating to the Jericho project, including those submitted under Tahera's operation. This was not conducted prior to the technical meeting. Additional questions and requests may be raised as a result of this audit.

AANDC would like to request that Shear provide AANDC with a complete list of plans (including plans from Tahera operation) that Shear considers still applicable to the project, including indication as to which plans will be changed, and which will continue to apply unchanged. Further to this, justification should be provided as to why formerly submitted plans may still be considered applicable without changes.

Concerning the 'List of Commitments' distributed by the NWB on June 22, 2011, AANDC seeks clarification on the following two points:

- It is unclear what commitment item 15, addressed to AANDC is.
- It is AANDC's understanding, following the pre-hearing conference, that September 16, 2011 was the agreed upon date for deadline of intervention submissions.

As previously discussed at the technical meeting, AANDC looks forward to working with Shear in advance of the Hearing towards addressing additional information requests



which may arise as a result of AANDCs proposed audit. AANDC commits to keeping the NWB informed of any AANDC/Shear bilaterals and their outcomes.

Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Tanya Trenholm, the departmental contact for this file, at (867) 975-4566 or by email at tanya.trenholm@inac.gc.ca

Sincerely,

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