

April 6, 2005

Greg Missal Vice-President, Nunavut Affairs Tahera Diamond Corporation Suite 803, 121 Richmond St. W Toronto, ON M5H 2K1

RE: Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan

Mr. Missal:

As you are aware, the NIRB sent out Tahera's Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) for comment to the Jericho distribution list. The Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment, the primary regulator reviewing the wildlife plan on behalf of the NIRB, sent us a letter on March 18th concerning this WMMP. We have had a chance to review the March 18th letter and Tahera's WMMP and the NIRB concurs with the comments brought forth by the GN which stated, among other issues, that the Guidelines, issued in 2000, are not addressed in this plan.

The NIRB is also concerned with the other issues raised, such as:

- Previous direction and requests from the GN Department of Environment have not completely been addressed;
- The Wildlife Mitigation Plan is actually a wildlife deterrence document;
- Lack of information in the Monitoring/Evaluation/Audit sections; and
- The plan was not developed by a certified professional biologist.

The NIRB felt it was important to have this plan in place *prior* to construction beginning at the Jericho site. Therefore, the NIRB encourages Tahera to **immediately** begin working with the GN to address the deficiencies of the WMMP as indicated in the GN's March 18th letter to the Board.

The April 20th comment period from the distribution list remains in effect and we may provide further direction to Tahera based upon the comments received from the entire distribution list at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 983-4600.

Sincerely,

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