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Re: 2AM-JER0410 – 2007 Closure and Reclamation Plan (Care and Maintenance Status) – Tahera Diamond Corporation, Kitikmeot

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) reviewed the 2007 Closure and Reclamation Plan Update (Care and Maintenance Plan) in the Kitikmeot Region, submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) by Tahera Diamond Corporation on April 2008. In conducting our review, INAC referred to the document on the NWB's FTP-site under 2AM-JER.

INAC recommends that the Nunavut Water Board take into consideration the following comments when reviewing this updated plan:

General

- The proponent should be reminded that all terms and conditions of the current water licence still apply and that annual reports must be submitted to the NWB as per the licence.
- All terms and conditions of Crown Land Leases must be followed while the mine is in care and maintenance.
- A Care and Maintenance Plan must be developed and implemented as soon as possible.
- All plans mentioned in the water licence and those already implemented (Spill contingency, A&R Plan etc) must be followed regardless of the mine circumstances.
- Disturbed areas should be contoured and scarified to promoted vegetative growth and reduce erosion caused by run-off while the operations are suspended.
- Due to issues with the transportation of fuel and supplies across the winter road over the last 2 years, the dams have not been completed. In particular the West Dam, North Dam, and South Saddle Dyke. The Nunavut Water Board should request assurances, including background information, that dams' stability will not be impaired while the mine operations are suspended.
- All drums and tanks containing fuel and waste oil/glycol should be stored within the bermed fuel storage area. INAC recommends that the drums be



placed on pallets to prevent them from being damaged, rusting and leaking.

- The entire mine site should be inspected to check for fuel/oil spills. The contaminated soil should be removed immediately and placed in drums until it can be treated or disposed off appropriately.
- If a spill should occur while the mine is in care and maintenance it should be reported immediately to the Spill Line (867-920-8130) as per the Spill Contingency Plan. The contact information for INAC is listed below.

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- In the 2007 Reclamation Plan update the proponent stated that “All hazardous materials stored within site facilities will be collected and stored in a central secure area”, but it is not mentioned where this area will be situated. INAC recommends that the proponent provide a detailed plan for fuel, chemical and hazardous material storage as well as inspections while the mine is not operating.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4568 or by email at RumboltI@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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