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File No: 2AM-JER1119

December 21, 2011

Honourable John Duncan, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
and Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians
21st Floor, 10 Wellington
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

By Courier, Email

**Subject: NWB Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-JER1119 - Jericho
Diamond Mine, Nunavut; Shear Diamonds (Nunavut) Corp.**

Dear Minister:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), having fulfilled its legislative obligations, including following the objects of the governing legislation, *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, (NWNSRTA) to provide for the conservation and utilization of waters in Nunavut (except in a National Park) in a manner that will provide the optimum benefit from those waters for the residents of Nunavut in particular and Canadians in general, the NWB has decided to issue the find enclosed Licence No. 2AM-JER1119 to Shear Diamonds (Nunavut) Corp. (the Licence). The Licence is a Type "A" Water Licence for a mining and milling undertaking and authorizes Shear Diamonds (Nunavut) Corp. to use water and dispose of waste in relation to the operation of the Jericho Diamond Mine and is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the attached Record of Proceedings, Reasons for Decision and the Licence.

In accordance with section 56 of the NWNSRTA the Licence requires your approval, and as such, the NWB submits the attached Decision and Licence for your consideration.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on the above or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Kabloona', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Kabloona
Chair
Nunavut Water Board

c.c. Shear Diamonds (Nunavut) Corp.
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