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Ms. Dionne Filiatrault Executive Director Nunavut Water Board PO Box 119 GJOA HAVEN NU X0B 1J0

Dear Ms. Filiatrault:

This is in response to your correspondence of February 28, 2012, concerning the renewal of Shear Diamond (Nunavut) Corp.'s Type 'A' Water Licence No. 2AM-JER1119.

The Nunavut Water Board's correspondence of December 21, 2011, conveying the renewed Type 'A' Water Licence No. 2AM-JER1119 with the Record of Proceedings and Reasons for Decision, was received in the Minister's Office on December 22, 2011.

As you may be aware, pursuant to subsection 56(2.2) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the renewed licence has been deemed to be approved. The Department considers the renewed licence to be effective as of February 7, 2012, which is consistent with the Nunavut Water Board's interpretation of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* as indicated in your correspondence.

The Minister's Office does not anticipate providing any additional correspondence concerning this licence renewal.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Minister's attention. I would also like to extend my thanks to the Nunavut Water Board for their hard work and efforts in addressing this water licence renewal process.

Sincerely,

Chief of Staff
David McArthur

c.c.: Ms. Julie Lassonde, Chief Executive Officer, Shear Diamonds (Nunavut) Corp.

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