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**PRESS RELEASE** 

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## TAHERA CORPORATION / RIO TINTO EXPAND TONNAGE POTENTIAL OF ANURI KIMBERLITES SIGNIFICANTLY

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## Rockinghorse Property, Nunavut (Tahera / Kennecott Joint Venture)

Tahera Corporation is pleased to announce that the first drill hole of the current exploration program has resulted in a significant expansion in the tonnage potential of the significantly diamondiferous Anuri kimberlites (see press release dated December 11, 2001 for previously reported Anuri diamond results).

The first drill hole of the current program, collared near the centre of the Anuri kimberlite, was drilled at a 50 degree dip southeast toward the Anuri East kimberlite. The drill hole encountered kimberlite from 40 metres (0 - 40 metres overburden) to 254 metres when it was stopped in kimberlite, for a total kimberlite intersection of 214 metres. The Anuri and Anuri East kimberlites are now thought to coalesce in the upper region with each having a champagne glass shape. Based on geophysics, the 2001 drilling data and the recent drill hole, the upper part of the kimberlite is now interpreted to measure 180 metres by 300 metres. These dimensions represent a significant increase over the previous dimensions of the Anuri kimberlites based on the 2001 drilling data. In addition, a 200 metre long EM conductor extends to the southeast of the Anuri East kimberlite. It will be drill tested next.

The drill core from the recent hole will be processed on a priority basis at Kennecott's diamond laboratory in Thunder Bay, Ontario to determine its diamond content.

## Rockinghorse Property Exploration

Numerous targets exist in the Anuri orbit (area within 20-kilometre radius of the Anuri kimberlites). In addition to the broad and extensive kimberlite indicator mineral train associated with the Anuri kimberlites, several other indicator anomalies are beginning to emerge on the Rockinghorse Property. Target prioritization is ongoing in these areas. Approximately 15 - 20 kimberlite targets will be tested during the current program.

The Rockinghorse Property is located in Nunavut's emerging Coronation diamond district, approximately 450 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Kennecott Canada Exploration Inc. (a member of the Rio Tinto group of companies) is the operator of the joint venture, and holds an option to earn a 62.5% interest in the property by funding all costs up to a mine development decision.

## Jericho Claims

Exploration drilling is scheduled to commence on the Jericho Claims on April 16, 2002. At least 20 priority kimberlite targets will be tested during the program. Kennecott has the option to incorporate Tahera's Jericho Claims into the existing joint venture by September 2002, and must drill at least 20 targets during the option period (see press release dated September 6, 2001).

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