



NIRB File No.: 07EN038
INAC File No.: N2007C0014

May 27, 2010

Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
c/o Spencer Dewar, Manager Land Administration
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Iqaluit, NU

Via email: Spencer.Dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Application exempt from NIRB Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:
Land Use Permit extension request with INAC for Pure Diamond Exploration Inc.'s
“Erichsen Lake” project

Dear Mr. Dewar:

On May 20, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to Land Use Permit N2007C0014, in support of Pure Diamond Exploration Inc.'s “Erichsen Lake” project.

Please be advised that the original “Erichsen Lake” project proposal was received by the NIRB on May 1, 2007 from INAC and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On June 11, 2007 the NIRB issued the enclosed 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

On May 31, 2009 the NIRB received an application for an extension to this Land Use Permit from INAC. The NIRB determined that the proposed activities had previously been screened and were therefore exempt from further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the June 11, 2007 Screening Decision to the Minister of INAC.

The current INAC application and original screening file (NIRB File No.: 07EN038) are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007_SCREENINGS/07EN038-DeBeers_Erichsen_Lake/1-SCREENING/

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or

(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”

After completing a review of the information provided, the NIRB is of the understanding that the application received from INAC does not change the scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original June 11, 2007 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4606 or liwan@nirb.ca.

Best regards,



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Encloses: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No. 07EN038 (June 11, 2007)