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Via Email: Shirley@pdiam.com

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Peregrine Diamonds Ltd.'s "Bulk Sample at Chidliak" project proposal

Dear Shirley Standafer-Pfister:

On October 12, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an amendment and an extension to land use permit N2008C0005 for Peregrine Diamonds Ltd.'s (Peregrine or the Proponent) "Bulk Sample at Chidliak" project. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **11EA050**.

On October 26, 2011 the NIRB invited interested parties and municipalities most affected by Peregrine's Chidliak project to provide comments directly to the NIRB by November 16, 2011, later extended to November 28, 2011.

On or before November 28, 2011 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)
- Government of Nunavut
- Environment Canada (EC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

During the comment period, the NIRB also received 25 comment submissions from community members of Pangnirtung.

All comments and documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/11EA050-Peregrine%20Diamonds%20-%20Chidliak/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>

While the NIRB expects that the Proponent will review in detail, **all** of the comment submissions as referenced above, the NIRB has included the following brief *summary* of issues raised by parties:

- Potential impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat;
- Recommendations relating to wildlife and species at risk;
- Potential impacts to fish and fish habitat;
- Potential impacts to soil and vegetation;
- Potential impacts to overland trails resulting from the transportation of project equipment;
- Potential impacts to traditional activity & knowledge;
- Concerns relating to noise in the project area;
- Concordance of project scope with DFO operational statements;
- A Request that the Proponent commit to working with the Government of Nunavut to discuss issues related to emergency, medical services and social matters;
- Recommendations regarding drilling, fuel storage, and water sampling practices;
- Updated plans as required;
- Concerns relating to the Proponent's public consultation; and
- Concern relating to the potential for the project to contribute to cumulative impacts.

Owing to the comments received, the NIRB would like to provide Peregrine with an opportunity to address comments before proceeding with the screening process. The NIRB requests that Peregrine provide its response in both English and Inuktitut by **December 22, 2011**. If additional time is required to finalize the response, please notify our office prior to **December 16, 2011**.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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