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**Re: Application Acknowledgement for Peregrine Diamonds Ltd.'s Amendment and Extension Request with INAC for their "Chidliak" Project**

Dear Shirley Standafer-Pfister:

On October 7, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment and extension to Peregrine Diamonds Ltd.'s (Peregrine) "Chidliak" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08AN008) was received by the NIRB from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) on January 28, 2008 and from INAC on February 13, 2008. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on March 28, 2008 the NIRB issued a NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to both the QIA and INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions. The activities/components associated with the original proposal included:

- Setup and operation of temporary camp;
- Airborne magnetic and electromagnetic surveying by helicopter;
- Ground magnetic surveying and heavy mineral sampling; and
- Demobilization and winterization of camp.

On November 17, 2008 the NIRB received an amendment request from INAC for Peregrine's Chidliak project. After a thorough assessment of the amendment application information and comments received, the NIRB determined that the request would result in a change to the original scope of the project and re-issued the original terms and conditions (March 28, 2008), along with additional terms and conditions as outlined in the December 18, 2008 Screening Decision Report. The following additional components/activities were proposed for the 2008 amendment:

- Establishment of second field camp;
- Trenching for collecting 100 tonnes kimberlite surface samples;
- Conveying of a piece of heavy equipment;
- Blasting;
- Ice drilling;
- Use of lake ice as airstrip; and
- Increase in water consumption rate (from 60 m<sup>3</sup> to 95 m<sup>3</sup> per day).

On March 26, 2009 the NIRB received an application from QIA for access to Inuit Owned Land to conduct a “Sediment Sampling” program associated with the Chidliak project. After an assessment of the proposed activities, the NIRB determined that the activities did not significantly change the general scope of the original project activities and re-issued the original terms and conditions dated March 28, 2008. The following activities/components were associated with this program:

- Helicopter support of a 2-person crew in a new prospecting area known as the Qilaq and Chadliak Project areas;
- Persons to be housed in the Peregrine base camp;
- Surficial sediment sampling; and
- Samples to be sent for analysis.

### ***Current Extension and Amendment***

Peregrine is proposing to extend their land use permit (#N2008C0005) for an additional year to April 13, 2012. This would represent the second extension for this Class A permit. In addition, Peregrine is proposing to amend their land use permit to include the following components/activities:

- Establishment of third temporary camp with potential of camp to remain open in the summer;
  - Camp may also be used for continuance of environmental and archaeological surveys in both the winter and summer programs.
- Continue spring on-ice drilling program;
- Potential land based drilling program in summer based on spring drilling results;
- Use of helicopter to move drill from site to site;
- Establishment of temporary helipad area at camp site;
- Temporary storage of fuel and propane at camp site;
- Use of Twin Otter to set up and supply the camp;
- Continue use of lake in spring for aircraft landings and potential use in summer for aircraft landings;
- Skidoo travel for personnel to and from drill sites from camp during spring program and potential of helicopter transportation during the summer program if required;
- Potential use of Buffalo DC3 for larger fuel hauls to temporary camp; and
- Potential establishment of ice runway for Buffalo DC3.

The NIRB has determined that the amendment request may result in a change to the original scope of the project.

The INAC application and the original NIRB screening file, 08AN008 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2008/08AN008-Peregrine%20Diamonds%20-%20Chidliak/>

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.”*

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the amendment and extension is not likely to *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached March 28, 2008 and December 18, 2008 screening decisions, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **October 20, 2010**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca) or by phone 867-983-4619.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut )  
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 08AN008 (March 28, 2008 and December 18, 2008)