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via Email to: licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org

**RE: NWB File # 2BE-CHI0813 – Peregrine Diamonds Ltd. – Chidliak Project
Water License Amendment Application**

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed an amendment water license application for the Chidliak project from Peregrine Diamonds Ltd. for conducting diamond exploration approximately 85 km northeast of Iqaluit. Based on DOE's *Environmental Protection Act*, we have the following comments to make regarding spill contingency planning.

A. SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN:

An updated spill contingency plan (SCP) has not been provided for review. DOE previously on Mar. 7 2008 provided comments on the SCP, and it is unclear whether the comments have been incorporated. Based on DOE's *Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations*, and *Contingency Planning and Spill Reporting in Nunavut: a Guide to the New Regulations*, DOE further reiterates the following comments:

- Aside from fuel, name and quantity of chemicals (i.e., drill additives) normally stored on site should also be outlined in the SCP.
- The NWT-Nunavut spill report form has been updated, and can be obtained from DOE website (<http://www.gov.nu.ca/env/applications.shtml>). This form should be included in the spill plan, and the applicant is required to use this form for reporting to the Spill Line in the case of spills. Additionally, the applicant is advised to enter spill information electronically in the form in the case of spills so the information is legible to regulators inspecting the spill.

DOE thanks NWB for the opportunity to provide comments on the Chidliak water license amendment application. Please contact us if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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