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Hi guys,

Just got off a half hour with Shirley.. noticed you weren't copied on the email so if you could please place a copy in the files for future reference that would be great.

Cheers,

Dave

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Greetings,

I would like to advise that Peregrine has decided to defer the trenching programme/mini-bulk sample on the Chidliak CH-1 kimberlite from the current period until summer 2009. Trenching may proceed in August (dry-weather season); the exact time period has yet to be decided.

The deferral was necessitated by the presence of unexpectedly deep snow cover (approx. 4m) in the depression where the CH-1 kimberlite outcrop is located. The CAT multi-terrain loader finally arrived on site via Bombardier this week; however, the small CAT proved to be unsuited for negotiating deep snow and thus for excavating and moving sample in the current conditions. Moving snow by Bombardier is possible, but time-consuming, and therefore might have needlessly lengthened the programme.

For those of you who were planning on visiting the trenching site on 19 May: Those involved with the trenching programme are leaving site. General camp operation will continue until the conclusion of the ground geophysics programme near the end of the month. Of course, regulators are always welcomed to our sites, but there is not much activity to observe.

Conducting the trenching programme in summer will necessitate either manual excavation or a very tight, controlled blast pattern to break up the kimberlite rock, potentially with the placement of blasting mats to obviate any dispersal of flyrock; I am currently consulting our blasting-contractor experts. Either way, the programme would be conducted with full attention to mitigation as has already been discussed with you since last November: That is, with control measures in place to ensure management of all rock, sediment and meltwater or water in sumps or trenches, through berming, silt fencing (as necessary), contouring and monitoring, to protect the surrounding environment and glacial meltwater rill. I soon shall be contacting those of you who are our INAC Inspectors and NWB advisers, and DFO adviser, to discuss possible options.

Best regards, and thanks for the opportunity to provide this update.

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