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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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NWB File No: NWB2CHU0305

January 23, 2004

Ms. Pamela Strand, Environment Manager
Shear Minerals Ltd.
#220, 9797-45th Ave.
Edmonton, AB
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E-mail: pstrand@compusmart.ab.ca

Re: Application Acknowledgement for the Amendment to Current Licence

Dear Ms. Strand:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on January 12, 2004 of your amendment water license application, for the Churchill Diamond Property. Your application included the following items:

- cover letter dated December 15, 2003
- executive summary in English only
- water license application form
- supplementary questionnaire
- Map
- Application fee

In order to complete your application, and forward to distribution, we require the following:

- your summary in Inuktitut

Also required is a \$30.00 Water Use Fee, pursuant to the Northern Inland Waters Regulations, which became effective as of January 1, 2004. Please refer to these regulations which are on our ftp site at "nwb" / NWB Administration / NWB Waters Legislation

I have been asked by the Board to inform you that a notice of your application is required. This notice of requirement is based on Article 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which states that the Board should take "...all steps necessary by way of notice...to provide and promote public awareness [of hearings]."

Accordingly, a notice in both English and Inuktitut will be posted for a period of 30 days, with local establishments in Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet, Whale Cove, Chesterfield Inlet, and Arviat, NU. Copy of the notice will be available to you during the distribution process.

Upon request from the public, we ask you to make available, free of charge, copies of all documents pertaining to this application. Any person who is affected by this application or concerned with it, may submit a letter of concern, which must be submitted to the Board within the period of time shown on the public notice.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or email at licensing@nwb.nunavut.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Doreen Porter
Licensing Trainee