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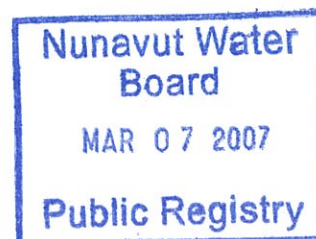
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Dear Ms. Pamela Strand:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has received Shear Minerals Churchill Diamond project proposal from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) and from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). On February 28, 2007 NIRB received notification that a positive conformity determination had been made on this project proposal by the Nunavut Planning Commission. NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number, 07EN023. The information below is a summary of the attached letter; please review the attached letter for a comprehensive understanding of the Part Four Screening Process related to the project proposal.

The project proposal involves amendments to existing land use permits with INAC and the KIA for a test pit trenching and bulk sampling program. Specific project activities include:

- Bulk sampling
- Geoscientific sampling by trenching
- Blasting
- Excavation
- Till sampling conducted by foot and supported by helicopter
- Geological mapping conducted by foot and supported by helicopter
- Geophysical surveys conducted by foot and supported by helicopter
- Diamond drilling activities supported by helicopter
- Fuel and chemical transportation
- Temporary fuel storage – to be removed at the end of the field season
- Permanent fuel storage – to remain for the life of the authorization
- Aircraft use for surveys and pick up and drop off of personnel
- Use of on-site mechanized vehicles
- Use of a Right-of-Way trail for the transportation of project equipment
- Water use and waste deposition



- Explosives storage
- Soil disposal/soil storage
- Abandonment and site restoration
- Use of existing Sedna camp

NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by Shear Minerals Churchill Diamond Project proposal. Shear Minerals has indicated to NIRB (see correspondence dated March 6, 2007) that they wish to reduce the potential environmental impact from the bulk sampling activities by completing the bulk sampling activities prior to spring thaw. Without prejudging NIRB's Screening Decision related to this project proposal, NIRB has considered this issue, and is therefore requesting Parties provide comments on the project proposal by **March 20, 2007**.

Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Carolanne Inglis-McQuay at cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca or 867-983-4607.

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