



NIRB File No.: EX94
NWB File No.: 2BE-CHU0508

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Thomas Kabloona
Chairperson
c/o Phyllis Beaulieu
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Nunavut Water Board
Gjoa Haven, NU

Via email: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

Re: Application Exempt from Screening: Shear Minerals Ltd's – Churchill Diamond Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Kabloona:

On August 12, 2008, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Shear Minerals Ltd's Churchill Diamond project proposal (NWB# 2BE-CHU0508) with the Nunavut Water Board. Be advised that this project proposal appears to be exempt from screening as per Schedule 12-1 (5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) which states:

Schedule 12-1 (5):

“Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3.”

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca or 867-983-4605.

Best regards,

Jeff Rusk
Director of Technical Services

Cc: Brian Aglukark, NPC
Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of INAC, c/o Jeff Holwell
Pamela Strand, Shear Minerals