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File No: NWB1NAD0101

November 13, 2001

Mr. Brian Aglukark Nunavut Planning Commission P.O. Box 141 Arviat, NU X0C 0E0

<u>Subject: BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. – Nadluardjuk Lake- Renewal Application Conformity Review</u>

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for a licence renewal on November 9, 2001 from BHP for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling at Nadluarjuk Lake.

In accordance with S.11.5.10 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area* and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, this project proposal shall be reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission to determine conformity with an approved land use plan, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

The application documents can be accessed through the internet on our ftp site at ftp.nwb.yk.com in the folder "NWB2NAD0101."

Based on the coordinates given, it looks like this project might just fall outside of the North Baffin Planning Region. Please confirm whether or not this is the case.

If within the planning region, please forward the project proposal with your determination and any recommendations to our office or other appropriate federal or territorial agencies as required. The Nunavut Water Board would appreciate receiving a copy of any correspondence that would indicate the status of the conformity check.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Rita Becker Licensing Administrator

cc. Michele Bertol, NPC Jeremy Howe, BHP Gladys Joudrey, NIRB