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July 27, 2001

To: Andrea Carter

Licensing Administrator, Summer Student

Nunavut Water Board Gjoa Haven, NU

Nunavut Water Board JUL 27 2001

Public Registry

Re: Mining Exploration and Campsite Nadluardjuk Lake NIRB: 01WN082 **NWB: NWB2NAD** 

Enclosed is the completed NIRB Screening Decision Report on a water license for water use and waste disposal associated with mining exploration and campsite in the Baffin.

NIRB has screened this application for eco-systemic and socio-economic impacts of the proposal.

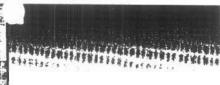
NIRB's indication to the Minister is: 12.4.4 (a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;

Please contact me at (867) 983-2593 if you have any questions about the Screening Decision Report.

Yours truly,

Environmental Assessment Officer





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#### SCREENING DECISION

# Date: July 27, 2001

Mr. Thomas Kudloo Chairperson, Nunayut Water Board Gjoa Haven, NU

Dear Mr. Kudloo:

RE: Screening Decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on Application:

NIRB 01WN082 NWB2NAD

Mining Exploration and Campsite Nadluardjuk Lake

# **Authority:**

Section 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement states:

Upon receipt of a project proposal, NIRB shall screen the proposal and indicate to the Minister in writing that:

- a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;
- the proposal requires review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB shall identify particular issues or concerns which should be considered in such a review;
- the proposal is insufficiently developed to permit proper screening, and should be returned to the proponent for clarification; or
- d) the potential adverse impacts of the proposal are so unacceptable that it should be modified or abandoned.

# Primary Objectives:

The primary objectives of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement are set out in section 12.2.5 of the Land Claims Agreement. This section reads:

In carrying out its functions, the primary objectives of NIRB shall be at all times to protect and promote the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area. NIRB shall take into account the well-being of the residents of Canada outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The decision of the Board in this case is 12.4.4 (a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;

#### Reasons for Decision:

NIRB's decision is based on specific considerations that reflect the primary objectives of the Land Claims Agreement. Our considerations in making this decision included:

- storage and disposal of chemicals, fuel, garbage, sewage, and gray water, and impact of these
  on the ecosystem;
- the impact of noise from helicopter and exploration activities and their disturbance to wildlife and traditional users of area;
- the impact of campsite and equipment on terrain;
- the impact of exploration activities on archaeological sites or cultural landmarks in the area;
   and
- clean up/restoration of the camp site upon abandonment.

# **Terms and Conditions:**

That the terms and conditions attached to this screening report will apply.

# Fuel Storage

- The Licensee shall ensure that fuel storage containers are not located within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water.
- The Licensee shall ensure that any chemicals, fuels or wastes associated with the project do not spread to the surrounding lands or enter into any water body.
- The Licensee shall construct an impermeable dyke around each stationary fuel container or group of stationary fuel containers where one container has the capacity exceeding 4,000 litres.
- The Licensee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the possibility of migration of spilled petroleum fuel or chemicals over the ground surface.
- The Licensee shall have one extra fuel storage container on site equal to, or greater than, the size of the largest fuel container.
- The Licensee shall examine all fuel and chemical storage containers daily for leaks. All leaks should be prepared immediately.
- 7. The Licensee shall seal all container outlets except the outlet currently in use.
- 8. The Licensee shall mark all fuel containers with the Licensee's name.
- The Licensee shall have an approved emergency response and spill contingency plans in place prior to the commencement of the operation.
- The Licensee shall immediately report all spills of petroleum and hazardous chemicals to the twenty four (24) hour spill report line at (867) 920-8130.

# Water

11. The Licensee shall ensure that all water intake hoses are equipped with a screen with an appropriate mesh size to ensure that there is no entrapment of fish.

# Waste Disposal

- 12. The Licensee shall not discharge or deposit any refuse substances or other waste materials in any body of water, or on the banks thereof, which will impair the quality of the waters of the natural environment.
- 13. The Licensee shall not locate any sumps or areas designated for waste disposal within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water, and be sufficiently bermed or otherwise contained to ensure that these substances to do not enter a waterway unless otherwise authorized.
- 14. The Licensee shall backfill and recontour all sumps to match the natural environment prior to the expiry date of the license.
- 15. The Lessee shall not bury any metal wastes.
- 16. The Licensee shall incinerate all combustible and food wastes daily
- The Licensee shall keep all garbage and debris in a covered metal container until disposed of.
- 18. The Licensee shall ensure that all wastes generated through the course of the operation are backhauled and disposed of in an approved dumpsite.

### Wildlife

- 19. The Licensee shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife habitat in conducting this operation.
- The Licensee shall not feed wildlife.
- The Licensee shall not hunt or fish, unless the appropriate permits and licenses are acquired from a GN Renewable Resources Officer.
- The Licensee shall not locate any operation so as to block or cause substantial diversion to migration of caribou.
- 23. The Licensee shall cease activities that may interfere with migration or calving, such as airborne geophysics surveys or movement of equipment, drilling activities until the caribou and their calves have vacated the area.
- 24. The Licensee shall ensure that aircraft pilots adhere to recommended flight altitudes of greater than 300 m above ground level as to not disturb wildlife.
- 25. The Licensee shall ensure compliance with Section 36 of the Fisheries Act which requires that no person shall deposit or permit the deposit of a deleterious substance on any type in water frequented by fish or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance may enter such a water body.
- 26. The harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat is prohibited under Section 35 of the Fisheries Act. No construction or disturbance of any stream/lake bed or banks of any definable watercourse is permitted unless authorized by DFO.

### Attachments

27. The Licensee shall refer to the attached Department of Sustainable Development comments and recommendations and the Fisheries and Oceans letter of advice addressed to the Permittee.

#### Environmental

- 28. The Licensee shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean and tidy at all times.
- The Licensee shall prepare the site in such a manner as to prevent rutting of the ground surface.
- 30. The Licensee shall be required to undertake any corrective measures in the event of any damage to the land or water as a result of the Licensee's operation.
- 31. The Licensee shall suspend overland travel of equipment or vehicles if rutting occurs.

# Camp

- 32. The Licensee shall not erect structures or store material on the surface ice of lakes or streams
- The Licensee shall locate all structures and storage facilities on gravel, sand or other durable land.

# **Archaeological Sites**

34. The Licensee shall follow all terms and conditions for the protection and restoration of archaeological resources as outlined by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youths (CLEY) in attached letter.

#### Reclamation

- The Licensee shall remove all scrap metal, discarded machinery and parts, barrels and kegs, buildings and building material upon abandonment.
- The Licensee shall complete all clean-up and restoration of the lands used prior to the expiry date of the permit.

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#### Other Recommendations

- NIRB would like to encourage the proponent to hire local people and services, to the extent l. possible.
- 2. NIRB advises proponents to consult with local residents regarding their activities in the region.
- The proponent should establish a log for wildlife and archaeological sightings and instruct 3. personnel in its use. All information regarding wildlife should be reported to Brent Patterson 8670982-7244. All information regarding archaeological sites should be sent to Doug Stenton, Culture Language Elders and Youth (867-975-5500). As well as all information being passed on to the closest communities.
- Any amendment requests deemed by NIRB to be outside the original scope of the project will be considered a new project.

# Validity of Land Claims Agreement

Section 2.12.2

Where there is any inconsistency or conflict between any federal, territorial and local government laws, and the Agreement, the Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

Dated

at Whale Cove, NU





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# NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD SCREENING FORM

1. General File Information on Screening
NIRB#:
Project Title: Project Title of Project Proponent: Proponent: Company/Applicant
Proponent's Address: 1970-1111 west Georgiast.  West Was Full Address
Contractor:  Company / persons doing the work if different from the proponent  address and contact numbers
Proposed Dates of Activity: Start Date (yyyy-man-dd) End Date (yyyy-man-dd)  EA Starting Date: Date application accepted (yyyy-man-dd)
Date Application Referred for Comments: (yyyy-mm-dd)  Deadline for Comments: (yyyy-mm-dd)
NIRB's EA Indication: 12.4.4 (x)  Date of Indication: (yyy-mm-dd)
Project Cancelled: Yes, Give Reason
Comments:

2. Authorizing Agencies
Authorizing Agency(ies): Kivalliq I.A., Kitikmeot I.A., QIA, NWB) NWMB, DIAND, DFO, DOE, NRI, RWED, Other:
Authorizing Agency Contact Person: Coffice where project file is located, contact person, number)
Land Status: Inuit Owned Crown Commissioner's Marine Areas
Type of Application: (e.g. water licence, land use permit, quarry permit, research permit, lease, reserve)
Type of Approval being sought: (c.g. new, renewal, amendment, cancellation)
Other required approvals, permits or licences: (c.g. water licence, land use permit, quarry permit, lease, reserve)
Present Authorizations (active): Wall (file number)
Previous Authorizations (inactive/expired):

3. Project Location	
Kivalliq Kitikmeot Baffin \	
Land Use Planning Region: (e.g. West Kitikmeot, North Baffin, South Baffin, Kivalliq)	
Geographic Place Name: Model was place name or geographic Feature)	
Local/Traditional Name:	
National Topographic Sheet (NTS) Number: 33 April Scale:	
Latitude/Longitude: 6665 N 78 30 W	
Drainage Region and Watershed: (nearest creek, river or lake system)	
Nearest Settlement: Respectively	
Adjacent Settlement/Out-post camps:	
Special Designation: (Yes/No -e.g. Heritage River, Wildlife Reseserve, Park)	
Does the project have Nunavut transboundary implications? Yes No 💆	
If yes, what additional procedures/contacts are needed?	

4. Project Description	and Assessm	ent			
Physical Work, Activity(ies	(drilling, construc	flon, camp, research, water works, in:	S. M. S.	cation. mainten	ance)
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5. The Proponent's P	whlic Consult	ation Process			
Description of Proponent's					
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Was information available In NIRB's opinion, was the		(a)		es	No
If no, explain why the prop					140
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Identification of Project Activities and Environmental Effects
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Project Activities	Project Effects
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berning	elders
burning	<ol> <li>impact to traditional use or traditional use area</li> </ol>
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construction	5 impact on recreational use
building	6 impact on family structure
shed/warehouse	
landing surp	7 impact to community health
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removal of vegeration	<ol><li>change in community housing or</li></ol>
dams .und impoundments	infrastructure
construction	10 impact to industry
abandonment/removal	<ol> <li> change in regional transportation</li> </ol>
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disposal of sewage or grey water	19 change in drainage pattern
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grubbing	30 _soil compaction
plunaing/seeding	31 change in access to renewable resources
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spraying	
recontouring	. 33 removal of rare/endangered plant species
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topsoil, overburden or soil	35 toxin, heavy metal accumulation
fill	<ul><li>36removal or rare/endangered wildlife species</li><li>37change in wildlife health</li></ul>
disposal	37change in wildlife health
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storage	39. Limpact to small mammals
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Describe biophysical and socio-economic and cultural effects identified from check-list.

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open pits	<ol><li>impact on family structure</li></ol>
underground	<ol> <li>impact to community health</li> </ol>
off-shore	<ol> <li>change in community economics</li> </ol>
mineral processing	<ol><li>change in community housing or infrastructure</li></ol>
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transportation/communications	14other, explain
airport / landing strip	
roads/access routes	Biophysical Environment Effects
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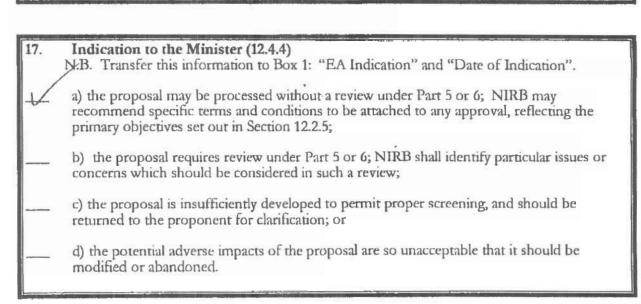
10. Cumulative Environ Based on a comparison of eth	
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Marching Number(s)	Description of Cumulative Environmental Effects
Will the project make lar	ge demands on non-renewable energy sources?
developments (other similar p	ge further developments within the current project or other projects, energy development, generation, petroleum development and ditional roads).
Will the project encourage	ge a "boom-bust" economy over an economy of permanence?
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Will the project have an	effect on the water quality of the watershed?
Will the project have a s	ignificant effect on existing land uses?
11. Mitigation Measure	e e
	r identified in #8, #9 and #10, describe the required mitigation
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(as identified in #8, #9 & #10)	•
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12. Significance	
After taking into according environmental effects	ount the mitigation measures identified in #11, are any of the residual, adverse significant?
Yes If yes, identify	which one's, and proceed to =13; if no proceed to = 14.
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13. Likelihood o	of Occurrence
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location (for future follow-up):

15. Staff Recommendations
Staff Recommendations: (include rationale)
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16.	NIRB'S Principles
_	The project has significant adverse effects on the ecosystem, wildlife habitat or Inuit harvesting activities.
_	The project may have significant adverse socio-economic effects on northerners.
	The project will cause significant public concern.
	The project involves technological innovations for which the effects are unknown.
1	The project does not have significant effects or concerns.



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18. Terms and Conditions
If the determination is 12.4.4 (a., NIRB's terms and conditions include those listed in the Screening Decision Report.
Specific Terms and Conditions to note include:
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19. Authorization .
Approved By: Eligabeth Contained Date:
20. Follow-up / Monitoring
Minister's Determination
Minister agreed with NIRB's indication.
Minister varied NIRB's indication.
Minister rejected NIRB's indication Action?
If applicable,  Is a follow-up/monitoring program required? If yes, give details.
Has screening report information been added to NIRB's GIS/Calyx system?

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From-MINISTET IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

# COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Numerut Impact Review Board has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Numerut. In order to assess the environmental and scio-economic impacts of the project proposals, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project application:

Project Title: Prospecting Camp
Proponent: RHP Diamond Inc.
Location: Nadluardjuk Lake, Nunavut
Comments Due By: July 16, 2001 NIRB #: 01WN082
Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:
no concerns traditional uses of land water quality
water quality Initiality [Initiality involvement and consultation]
air quality local development in the area
wildlife and their habitat
marine mammals and their habitat human health issues
birds and their habitat other.
heritage reacures in area
Please describe the concerns indicated above:
This is a Caribou calving avea. Caribon are
migrating through here and there is concern this
work will scare them away. (helicopters)
Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?
- Have a community resident or
site to monitor caribou movements.
-> I nuit Involvement in project
Do you support the project proposal? Yes & No   Any additional comments?
If you have inuit involved
in this project
Name of person commenting: Municipality of Dikigtarius
Position: Mayor Name Degeneration: Lootic Toomasic Signature: The State Date: 7/13/0/
Signature: 7/13/0/

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# COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. In order to assess the environmental and scioeconomic impacts of the project proposals, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project application:

Proponent: BHP Diamond Inc. Location: Nadluardjuk Lake, Nunava	
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tracting: Manifulating ranci Manna	ıt
Comments Due By: July 16, 2001	NIRB#: 01WN082
Indicate your concerns about the projec	t proposal below:
no concerns	traditional uses of land
water quality	Inuit harvesting activities
terrain	community involvement and consultation
air quality	local development in the area
wildlife and their habitat	tourism in the area
marine mammals and their habitat	human health issues
birds and their habitat	other:
fish and their habiter	
heritage resources in area	
Please describe the concerns indicated a	bove;
Do you have any suggestions or recomm	conductions for this application?
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No, the Land Use Perint Potential concerns.	

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Fish Habitat Management P.O. Box 358 Iqalult, Nunavut XOA OHO

You tile Votre reference DIWNOB2 Our file Notice offerner NU00425

July 16th, 2001

Jeremy Howe BHP Diamonds Inc. 1400-1111 West Georgia Street. Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4M3 Fax: (604) 683-4125

RE: NIRB File # 01 WN082, Water Licence Application, Prospecting Camp, BIIP Diamonds Inc., Nadluarjuk Lake Area, Nunavut.

Dear Mr. Howe:

This letter is to advise that The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Fish Habitat Management (DFO-FIIM) received your Water Licence Application for a Prospecting camp, in the Nadluarjuk Lake area, submitted on your behalf by Nunavut Impact Review Board. This work is to be conducted between July 1, 2001 and August 30, 2001. I have reviewed the plans for the proposed work.

Field operations in or near water may result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat, which is prohibited under Section 35 of the Fisheries Act. In addition to the measures set out in the project proposal, the following mitigation measures, if incorporated into the project, are intended to prevent any potentially harmful impacts to tish and fish habitat:

- All disturbed areas should be stabilized and re-vegetated as required, upon completion of work, and restored to a pre-disturbed state.
- If artesian flow is encountered, drill holes should be plugged and permanently sealed upon completion of the project,
- When using explosives, please follow the Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Water (DFO, 1998) available on request. If, for any reason these guidelines cannot be followed, please contact DFO, as an Authorization may be required.
- If the drilling requires water in sufficient volume that the source waterbody may be drawn down please submit details (volume required, size of waterbody, etc.) to DFO-FHM for review. DFO-FHM does not recommend the use of streams as a water source.



- All water intakes should be properly screened to prevent the entrainment of fish. Refer to the Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline (DPO 1995). available on request.
- Winter lake/stream crossings should be located to minimize approach grades, Cutting or filling of crossing approaches below the normal high water mark will require prior review and approval by DFO-FHM.
- The use of material other than ice or snow to construct a temporary crossing over any ice-covered watercourse is prohibited by regulations under Fisheries Act unless authorized by a Fishery Officer.
- All winter crossings should be removed prior to spring breakup.
- No material should be left on the ice when there is the potential for that material to enter the water (i.e. spring break-up).

Depositing deleterious substances into fish bearing waters is prohibited as stated under Subsection 36(3) of the Fisheries Act. The following are additional measures to mitigate habitat disturbance or loss as well as the deposition of deleterious substances.

- Sediment and crosion control measures should be implemented prior to, and maintained during the work to provent entry of sand or sediment into the water.
- All activities, including maintenance procedures and vehicular refuelling, should be controlled to prevent the entry of petroleum products, debris, slash, rubble, or other deleterious substances into the water.
- All wastes, drill cuttings, sewage containments and fuel caches should be located a minimum of thirty (30) metres from the normal high water mark of any water body, and be sufficiently bermed or otherwise contained to ensure that these substances do not enter any water body.
- Drill cuttings should be disposed of in a sump such that they do not enter any water body. The use of biodegradable, salt free drill additives is encouraged over nonbiodegradable types.
- All spills of oil, fuel, or other deleterious material should be reported immediately to the 24-Hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130.

If the proposed work is carried out as described in the plans provided to DFO-IJIM and if the additional mitigation measures specified above are implemented, the proposed work will not be considered as contravening Subsection 35(1) of the Fisheries Act which reads:

"No person shall carry on any work or undertaking that results in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish hubitat."

Therefore, an authorization under Subsection 35(2) of the Fisheries Act will not be necessary. If a harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat and/or the deposition of deleterious substances into fish bearing waters occurs as a result of a change in the plans for the proposed works or failure to implement the additional



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mitigation measures specified above, prosecution under Subsection 35(1) and/or Subsection 36(3) of the Fisherles Act may be initiated.

Please note that this letter of advice does not release the proponent of the responsibility for obtaining any other permits that may be required and will apply for the proposed activities for the period of the Water Licence.

If you have any questions concerning the mitigation measures or should there be any changes to the proposed work, please contact me at (867) 979-8007 or Pete Cott at 669-4913 or by fax at (867) 979-8039.

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July 18, 2001

Gladys Joudrey **Environmental Assessment Officer** Nunavut Impact Review Board P.O. Box 2379 Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Rita Becker Licensing Administrator Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gioa Haven, NU. X0B 1J0

Ra! Comments on Application for Water License NIRB01WN082/NWB2NAD - BHP Diamonds Inc. and Falconbridge Limited - Mining Exploration and Campsite Nadjurdjuk and Dewer Lake, Baffin, NU.

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the above noted water license NIRB01WN082/NWB2NAD. The comments provided for the above water license have been made under Section 36 of the Fisheries Act, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) and the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA).

BHP Diamonds Inc. in collaboration with Falconbridge Limited have proposed to construct a 20 person camp near Nadluardjuk Lake. The camp will serve as the base in order to carry out the reconnaissance prospecting and mapping over a 4 week period beginning July 5th and completing August 3th, 2001. All exploration activities will have helicopter support however all-terrain vehicles will also be used.

#### Comments and Recommendations

The proponent neglected to:

- state that "all spills" are to documented and reported to the NWT Spill line (867) 920-8130;
- provide a list of all hazardous materials that may be used during the program;
- provide a map indicating the location of camp in relation to water;
- include the estimated volume of proposed sump for camp activities;
- include locations for all fuel caches in relation to water for aircraft, and camps uses.

The following conditions should be applied throughout all phases of the project.

- The proponent shall ensure that any chemicals, fuel or wastes associated with the proposed project do not enter waters frequented by fish. All sumps, spill basins and fuel caches should be located in such a manner that the contents do not enter a waterbody.
- EC encourages proponents, when storing barreled fuel at a location, to use a secondary containment rather than relying on "natural depressions". Self supporting insta-berms are avallable from various suppliers within Canada.





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- No disturbance of the bed or banks of any definable watercourse is permitted. Special efforts must be made to avoid bed and bank disturbance during the spring.
- Ensure the treatment of hazardous and solid wastes at an appropriate disposal facility is. Igaluit or Rankin Inlet;
- Environment Canada recommends the use of an approved incinerator.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at lawrence.ignace@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly.

Lawrence Ignace

**Environmental Assessment Specialist** 

(Paula Pacholek, Northern Environmental Assessment Coordinator, Yellowknile)

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May 28, 2001

Gladys Joudrey Environmental Assessment Screener Nunavut Impact Review Board Box 2379 Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Re: Land Use Application NIRB 01EN068; Mining Exploration and Campsite Nadluardjuk and Dewar Lakes (Falconbridge)

Due Date:

June 7, 2001

Dear Ms. Joudrey:

At your request, the Department of Culture and Heritage, Government of Nunavut, has reviewed the above-noted application. Our recommendations follow.

We recommend approval of the above-cited application, on the condition that the proponent's activities avoid the known archaeological sites listed in Attachment #1. The information contained in Attachment #1 is provided solely for the purpose of the proponent's land use activities as described in the land use application, and must otherwise be treated confidentially by the proponent.

The attached conditions specify plans and methods of site protection and restoration to be followed by the permittee if an archaeological site is encountered or disturbed in the course of the land use activity.

Sincerely,

Culture and Heritage

Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth

Encl.

#### Attachment 1

BN: NdDv-1 UB: ND LB: dv SN: 001

NAM: Dewar Lakes 1 RN: Thomson 90-17 PN: NWT 90-686

PRO: DEW Line Environmental Cleanup Study

LOC: On west side of north end of Dewar Lakes near mouth of river entering lake, 1.5 km south of south end of DEW line runway. Baffin Island.

TER: NUNAVUT DST: SOUTH BAFFIN

LAT: 683625 LNG: 0710901

UTM: 19WDG E1247 N1184

MR: 27B
AIR: A26569-35
EL: 180 m. ASL
CON: stable
SIZ: 3000 m. sq.
JUR: federal
OWN: Nunavut
TY: campsite

TYC: prehistoric;indigenous historic;historic FE: tent ring;cache;hearth;outline (rectangular)

CU: Inuit

PER: ?;post-1955

RES: Thomson, J. Callum

OD: 1990

UPRE: ASC ARCHIVES Ms. 3310; ASC ARCHIVES Ms. 3264

RE: Locus 1 consists of 2 deeply vegetated tent rings with exterior hearths and caches on promontory overlooking lake. One contained burned caribou long bone fragments. Locus 2 may be early construction or survey camp location for DEW Line. Remains include rectangular hut outline and hold down rocks and a boulder jetty. Locus 3 is a single prehistoric tent ring topped by a more recent structure. It is 150 m north of L-1 and L-2.

ASC: 000040435

BN: NdDv-2 UB: ND LB: dv SN: 002

NAM: Dewar Lakes 2 RN: Thomson 90-18 PN: NWT 90-686

PRO: DEW Line Environmental Cleanup Study

LOC: 750 m northeast of north end of Dewar Lakes DEW Line base runway. Locus 1 on terrace above river, Locus 2 in valley to west of terrace, on top of esker. Baffin Island.

TER: NUNAVUT DST: SOUTH BAFFIN

LAT: 683807 LNG: 0710658

UTM: 19WDG E1397 N1495

MR: 27B AIR: A26569-35 EL: 190 m. ASL CON: stable

#### Attachment 1

SIZ: 500 m. sq. JUR: federal OWN: Nunavut

TY: campsite (hunting, caribou)

TYC: prehistoric FE: inuksuk;cache

CU: Inuit

RES: Thomson, J. Callum

OD: 1990

UPRE: ASC ARCHIVES Ms. 3310; ASC ARCHIVES Ms. 3264

RE: Consists of an inuksuk and one cache. Good caribou hunting location. Other features probably located between this point and the lake expansion, 2 km north and northward up the

valley.

ASC: 000040436

BN: NdDv-3 UB: ND LB: dv SN: 003

NAM: Dewar Lakes 3 RN: Thomson 90-19 PN: NWT 90-686

PRO: DEW Line Environmental Cleanup Study

LOC: Ca. 1.5 km west of the Dewar Lakes airstrip on north side of road to top site, overlooking

two small ponds to west, on small knoll. Baffin Island.

TER: NUNAVUT DST: SOUTH BAFFIN

LAT: 683740 LNG: 0711008

UTM: 19WDG E1180 N1418

MR: 27B
AIR: A26569-35
EL: 250 m. ASL
CON: stable
SIZ: 400 m. sq.
JUR: federal
OWN: Nunavut
TY: burial

TYC: indigenous historic

FE: grave;cache

CU: Inuit PER: A.D. 1962

RES: Thomson, J. Callum

OD: 1990

UPRE: ASC ARCHIVES Ms. 3310; ASC ARCHIVES Ms. 3264

RE: Site consists of a grave with marker and associated cache reported to be the burial place of an Inuit woman who died on a hunting trip (caribou) in 1962. Easily visible from the road and not in danger of disturbance from construction activities.

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#### ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### BACKGROUND

The archaeological record of the Inuit of Nunavut is a record of Inuit use and occupancy of lands and resources through time. The evidence associated with their use and occupancy represents a cultural, historical, and ethnographic heritage of Inuit society and, as such, Government recognizes that Inuit have a special relationship with such evidence, which shall be expressed in terms of special rights and responsibilities.

The archaeological record of Nunavut is of spiritual, cultural, religious and educational importance to Inuit. Accordingly, the identification, protection, and conservation of archaeological sites and specimens and the interpretation of the archaeological record is of primary importance to Inuit and their involvement is both desirable and necessary.

In recognition of the cultural, spiritual and religious importance of certain areas in Nunavut to Inuit, Inuit have special rights and interests in these areas as defined by Article 33 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

- II. "Archaeological site" means a site or work within Nunavut of archaeological ethnographical or historical importance, interest or significance, or a place where an archaeological specimen is found, and includes explorer's cairns.
  - "Archaeological specimen" means an object or specimen found in an archeological site of archaeological ethnographical or historical importance, interest or significance, or a place where an archaeological specimen is found, and includes explorer's documents.
- III. Any new Terms and Conditions raising issues found in ss. 10 and 16 of the Territorial Land Use Regulations should duplicate statutory sections, or be stricter, but not more lenient in terms of protection of archaeological resources.
- The permittee shall not operate any vehicle over a known or suspected archaeological site.
  - The permittee shall not remove, disturb or displace any archaeological specimen or site.
  - The permittee shall contact the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (867-975-5500) and DIAND officials should an archaeological site or specimen be encountered or disturbed by any land use activity.
  - 4. The permittee shall immediately cease any activity which disturbs an archaeological or historical site, encountered during the course of a land use operation, until permitted to proceed with the authorization of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Government of Nunavut, Igaluit.
  - The permittee shall follow the direction of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth and DIAND in restoring disturbed archaeological sites to an acceptable condition.
  - The permittee shall provide information to the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth about each archaeological site or specimen encountered by any land use activity, by completing the attached form.