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By email

Mr. Jeremy Howe, Logistics Coordinator
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Subject: Submission of Abandonment & Restoration Plan

Dear Mr. Howe:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt of a submission from BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. titled Abandonment & Restoration Plan, submitted on December 6, 2005 as a requirement of Part I, Item 1 of water license NWB2PEL0507. This submission has been placed on the NWB public registry and is available from the NWB ftp site at the following link:
<http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB2%20EXPLORATION/NWB2PEL/2005%20AR%20Plan%20Revision/>

The NWB gives interested persons thirty (30) days to review the submission and make representations to the NWB. All representations shall be submitted to the NWB by mail, fax or email before February 9, 2006. At the end of the review period the NWB will review all submissions and you will be contacted should concerns arise or should additional information be needed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Richard Dwyer
Licensing Trainee

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