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Sent via email: rhopkins@stornowaydiamonds.com

Re: <u>Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination and Referral from an Authorizing Agency for Stornoway Diamond Corporation's "Qilalugaq" Project Proposal</u>

Dear Robin Hopkins:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Stornoway Diamond Corporation's "Qilalugaq" project proposal from your office on February 19, 2015. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English and Inuktitut
- NIRB Part 2 PSIR Form
- Government of Nunavut Land Use Permit in English and Inuktitut
- Nunavut Water Board Amendment Application
- Project Summary in English and Inuktitut
- Spill Contingency Plan
- MSDS Sheets

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that Proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination. For further information, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at aglukark@nunavut.ca.

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for

authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Once the NIRB receives a positive conformity determination from the NPC and a Referral from an authorizing agency, the Board will screen the project proposal in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and will report to the Government Minister(s) responsible for authorizing the project.

Further, upon receipt of the required referral and the conformity determination, the NIRB will be undertaking a preliminary completeness check of your application. In order to ensure your application contains the minimum information required for the NIRB's screening, it is recommended that you submit the following, noting that the NIRB may request additional information at any point during the screening process:

Maps

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact Stephanie Taptuna, Environmental Administrator at 867-983-4610 or via email at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Taptuna

Environmental Administrator

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission

Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association

Ralph Ruediger, Government of Nunavut-Community and Government Services

Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada