## Community Information Meetings The Qilalugaq Project - Repulse Bay, Nunavut September 27 and September 28, 2012

During the week of September 24, 2012 Stornoway Diamond Corporation ("Stornoway") representatives Nicole Westcott (Manager of Regulatory and Community Affairs – Exploration) and Dr. John Armstrong (Diamond Resource Specialist) travelled to Repulse Bay to conduct information meetings regarding the sampling project that is proposed in the application documents associated with NIRB File No. 12EN012.

A meeting was held with the mayor and council at the hamlet office on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 10:00am. The mayor and six council members were present.

During the meeting a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed sampling activity was delivered by Nicole Westcott and following that a dialogue session was held. During this time Ms. Westcott and Dr. Armstrong answered questions from the attendees and further discussed certain aspects of the proposed project.

Interpreter services for this meeting were provided by Simeoni Natserk.

A general meeting open to all community members was held on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Community Hall. This meeting was advertised on the local radio station and by flyers that were posted at several prominent locations in the hamlet.

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The meeting was attended by 19 people from the community (a copy of the sign in sheet is available upon request).

Following the formal portion of the meeting a prize draw was held for several Stornoway t-shirts (child sizes), baseball caps and jackets, and the attendees were encouraged to stay, enjoy the refreshments provided and ask any additional questions that they may have had of the Stornoway representatives.

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## **Comments and Discussion Points**

During both meetings the questions and discussion points were quite similar. Below is a bulleted summary of the topics that were discussed during following the presentation portion of the meetings.

Low Level Flights – During both the meeting with the hamlet officials and during the community
meeting concerns were raised regarding low level flights (in general) and there was a discussion
held regarding the nature of the helicopter flights that would be associated with the work that
Stornoway is proposing.

Discussion and Response -The representatives from Stornoway stated that the work being proposed would not allow for continuous low level flying but that there is a descent, ascent flight path that does necessitate short duration, low level flight. The company's wildlife mitigation measures were re-iterated, particularly those related to the presence of caribou.

- **Future Exploration Work** During the community meeting questions were asked regarding what the next steps would be if the results from the proposed sampling program warranted further work to be conducted on the property. This discussion progressed to questions regarding how long it would take to determine whether or not there is an economic diamond deposit on the property and if there is how long after that a mine would be built.
  - **Discussion and Response** The representatives from Stornoway stated that, should results warrant it, the most likely next steps following the sample program would involve drilling, additional groundwork, and the commencement of baseline studies. The "diamond exploration pipeline" and the lengthy timeline from the exploration stage through to the construction of a producing diamond mine was then discussed.
- Reclamation During both the meeting with the hamlet officials and during the community
  meeting questions were asked regarding the reclamation process and clarification was sought as to
  what would happen to the trenches once the sample was taken.
  - **Discussion and Response** The representatives from Stornoway explained that after the sample was taken the mini-tracked excavator would be used to re-contour the sides of the trenches so as to insure that no steep drops or ledges which could pose a hazard to humans or wildlife were present.
- Timing of the Project/Caribou During both the meeting with the hamlet officials and during the
  community meeting there were questions asked surrounding the timing of the project (July and
  August) and discussion was held regarding how this may affect the traditional land use activities of
  local residents.
  - **Discussion and Response** The representatives from Stornoway detailed the company's internal wildlife mitigation procedures in regards to the presence of caribou. During previous prospecting activities conducted by Stornoway traditional land users have been encountered as there are some quad paths that come very close to the area of interest on the property and this was discussed. In general it appeared that the consensus among the local residents who spoke to the matter was that the caribou do not start to move through the area until September/October and therefore the proposed timing for the project was not a primary concern.
- **Job Opportunities** At the community meeting a few local residents made inquiries regarding employment opportunities.
  - **Discussion and Response** –During the presentation it was stated that should the proposed program be conducted a minimum of four local residents would be hired on short term employment contracts to assist with activities such as field work, logistics, drum crushing, etc. After the formal portion of the meeting the representatives from Stornoway were approached by a few young men inquiring about possible employment. Resumes were collected from those who had brought them and contact information for the company was provided to all who requested it.

## **Printed Information**

Copies of a summary of the proposed land use operation (in both English and Inuktitut), a map showing the proposed sample location in relation to the hamlet, and an Infographic style brochure were all available for all attendees to take with them. In addition Infographic style posters depicting diamond exploration and the world diamond market, and Stornoway's Corporate and Social Responsibility policies were also displayed.

Attached please find copies of the documents that were distributed during the information meetings as listed below;

- Project Summary English
- Project Summary Inuktitut
- Map The Qilalugaq Project, Proposed Bulk Sample Location
- Infographic "Introduction to the Qilalugaq Project"
- Radio Announcement in English and Inuktitut (not distributed as a handout)