



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 12EN012**

AANDC File No: N2012C0001 (*previous file no. N2006C0038*)
NWB File No.: 2BE-QIL0712

May 4, 2012

Jeff Mercer
Manager Land Administration
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Via email: jeff.mercer@aandc.gc.ca and landsmine@aandc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Stornoway Diamond Corporation's "Qilalugaq" Project Proposal, NIRB File 12EN012

Dear Jeff Mercer:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AAND) for Stornoway Diamond Corporation's "Qilalugaq" project proposal in the Kivalliq Region.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4 (a)** which states the following:

"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 enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 12EN012, signed on May 4, 2012 by Elizabeth Copland at Arviat, NU has been issued to AANDC and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of AANDC's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that AANDC send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Derek Ehaloak, NIRB Environmental Administrator at dehaloak@nirb.ca or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Ehaloak', with a stylized, cursive script.

Derek Ehaloak
Environmental Administrator

cc: Nicole Wescott, Stornoway Diamond Corporation
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 12EN012)