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*Via Email*

**Re:    NWB2TAH0406/TR/G1 – Diamonds North Resources Ltd. – Tahoe Lake  
Project's Abandonment and Restoration Plan**

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the above mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Diamonds North Resources Ltd. (Diamonds North) has submitted an Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) Plan for its Tahoe Lake Exploration Project in the Kagloryuak River and Burns Lake area of Victoria Island. This Plan is effective until March 31st, 2006. Project operations are based from a temporary work camp, named Tuktuk camp. This camp can accommodate 20 people and is used from late-May to mid-September when project operations take place. The camp has been positioned along the Tuktuk River, having a coordinate of 70°39'N, 109°50'W. This location is 270 km northwest of Cambridge Bay and is serviced by Twin Otter aircraft. At the present time, project activities consist of till sampling, prospecting, airborne and ground geophysics, and diamond drilling operations in both Nunavut and the Northwest Territories.

Final abandonment and restoration procedures will be performed prior to the completion of this exploration program. Final restoration activities are expected to be minimal due to the practice of progressive reclamation efforts (e.g., backfilling of drill sumps, cutting drill collars at ground level, and the removal of unneeded equipment and empty fuel drums from the project area).

Environment Canada recommends that the following advice be considered when reviewing the proponent's Abandonment and Restoration Plan:



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- The proponent shall deliver all non-combustible wastes to an approved disposal facility when performing seasonal shutdown procedures.
- The proponent shall ensure that any hazardous materials, including waste oil, receive proper treatment at an approved disposal facility.
- Environment Canada strongly recommends the use of secondary containment, such as self-supporting insta-berms, when storing barreled fuel on location to prevent hazardous fuel spills.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email via [david.abernethy@ec.gc.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@ec.gc.ca).

Regards,

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