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Subject: Notice of Part 4 Screening and Comment Request for Tahera's Takijuak Lake Project

Proposal

Attachments: 071025-07EN068-Notice\_Part\_4\_Screening\_and\_Comment\_Request-OTAE.pdf; 07EN068-

Comment Form English-OMAE.doc

## Dear Mr. McDonnell:

On October 1, 2007 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Tahera Diamond Corporation's (Tahera) Takijuak Lake Diamond Exploration project proposal from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). NIRB has determined that this is a re-application for an existing diamond exploration project and has therefore assigned this project proposal a new file number -07EN068. During a preliminary completeness check it was noted that additional information was required to conduct a Part 4, NLCA screening. Subsequently, in correspondence dated October 2, 2007, NIRB requested Tahera to provide the additional information by October 16, 2007. On October 23, 2007, NIRB received the requested supplementary information from Tahera.

This project is located in the West Kitikmeot. The nearest community is Kugluktuk which is approximately 160 km to the North West.

The Proponent is proposing to continue diamond exploration activities consisting of geophysical work, sampling and various drilling on their Rockinghorse Property from 2008 to 2010. The project proposal involves the following:

- Operation of existing camp;
- Soil sampling;
- Airborne or ground geophysics;
- Target-test drilling;
- Delineation drilling; and
- Evaluation drilling.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at <a href="http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB">http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB</a> SCREENINGS/ACTIVE SCREENINGS/07EN068-Tahera Diamond Corporation/.

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen the Project Proposal. NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this proposed project and is requesting that interested parties and person comment directly to the NIRB by **November 8, 2007**.

NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
  Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at <a href="mailto:lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca">lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca</a>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan at 867-983-4608 or lwan@nirb.nunavut.ca

Best regards,

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