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Re: The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2024-2025 Board Recommendations for the Jericho Diamond Mine Project

Dear James Eetoolook:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is hereby releasing its 2024-2025 Board Recommendations for the NIRB's Assessment of Shear Diamonds (Nunavut) Corporation's Compliance Status with the Jericho Diamond Mine (NIRB File No. 00MN059). The Recommendations are based on the NIRB's monitoring activities as set out within the Jericho Diamond Mine Project Certificate No. 002 and pursuant to Sections 12.7.1 and 12.7.2 of the Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (*Nunavut Agreement*). This letter provides the findings and next steps that resulted from monitoring the Jericho Diamond Mine Project (Jericho or the Project) that took place from October 2024 to September 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Jericho Diamond Project is located on both Inuit-Owned and Crown land. Since the Proponent is no longer active and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) has assumed responsibility for the site, CIRNAC has completed most stabilization work on Crown land, including site water management, tailings storage facilities, fuel and hazardous waste storage, and waste management. The Board acknowledges the cost implications of stabilizing or reclaiming the portion of the site on Inuit-Owned Land. However, there remains significant uncertainty regarding the monitoring and management of annual water movement and the potential risks associated with seeps and contact water from waste rock piles. There is also uncertainty about whether the Jericho Project infrastructure will be included in any future applications.

The Board makes the following recommendation to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA).

Recommendation 3: The Board requests that the Kitikmeot Inuit Association provide the following:

- an update on their site stabilization activities including monitoring of the waste rock pile, waste rock seeps, and contact water on or before March 30, 2026; or
- if the Kitikmeot Inuit Association intends to include the use of the Jericho Project infrastructure in a future application, such as the Grays Bay Port and Road Proposal the KIA shall provide the information listed above at least 90 days prior to submitting the application; or
- if the Kitikmeot Inuit Association makes the decision to close, reclaim and/or remediate the components of the Project on Inuit Owned Lands the Kitikmeot Inuit Association will provide the NIRB with notice of these activities at least six (6) months prior to undertaken the activities.

All documents related to this Project are available in [the NIRB Public Registry](#) under the [project dashboard](#). Questions or requests for further clarification regarding the NIRB's monitoring process and its recommendations can be directed to the undersigned at kmorrison@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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