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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Application Acknowledgement for Stornoway Diamond Corporation's Amendment and Renewal Request with NWB and GN-CGS for "Qilalugaq" Project;

Dear Ms. Gillard,

On April 21, 2015, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the potential exemption under Section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA) for Stornoway Diamond Corporation's "Qilalugaq" project proposal. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the inclusion of the additionally proposed component(s) and/or activity(ies) would significantly modify the project;

In reviewing this proposal, AANDC has noted that the additionally proposed components within the project application modify the project scope of what was previously screened due to the activity shifting from bulk sampling to drilling, and due to the change in location of the activities.

AANDC believes that with appropriate management and mitigation measures, such as those suggested by the Proponent in the application, the proposed activities are not likely to lead to significant environmental or socio-economic impacts.

AANDC looks forward to working further with the NIRB and Stornoway Diamond Corporation on the review of this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Laura Harris at (867) 975-4567 or by e-mail at laura.harris@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by]

James Neary
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