



March 26, 2019

Nunavut Impact Review Board
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RE: The Nunavut Impact Review Board's 2016-2017 Annual Monitoring Report for the Jericho Diamond Mine Project and Board's Recommendations

Dear Sophia Granchinho:

Thank you for your letter dated November 27, 2017 providing a copy of the board's annual monitoring report and recommendations.

Your letter contained two recommendations directed to the department:

| NIRB RECOMMENDATION | RESPONSE |
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| Recommendation #3: requests that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) commit to ensuring that secondary containment, fencing and suitable wildlife deterrents are incorporated into ongoing management and site stabilization activities at the Jericho site, to achieve the objectives of Conditions 34 and 35 of Project Certificate No. 002. | <p>Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is committed to ensuring that secondary containment is incorporated into the ongoing management and site stabilization activities. During care and maintenance of the site all fuel storage areas were inspected to ensure that the secondary containment was intact and effective. During site stabilization activities all fuel storage tanks were cleaned and decommissioned and associated fuel storage area berms were breached.</p> <p>CIRNAC is committed to ensuring that suitable fencing and wildlife deterrents are incorporated into ongoing management and site stabilization. During care and maintenance of the site all waste was collected and removed from the site. During site stabilization activities a bear fence was installed around the camp and associated facilities and Wildlife Monitors were employed during all on-site activities. Food waste was collected on a daily basis and incinerated in the on-site incinerator.</p> |



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| <p>Recommendation #5: requests that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provide the NIRB with a detailed report of the stabilization works undertaken at the Jericho site under NIRB File No. 16UN058. The report should include details related to all activities conducted, results of the work, expected short and long-term management requirements, community consultation conducted or to be conducted, and an outline of the expected monitoring and management program.</p> | <p>CIRNAC has revised the 2017 Annual Report to include the supplementary information requested. A copy of the <i>Jericho Diamond Mine Site Stabilization Project Nunavut Impact Review Board File #16UN058 Supplemental 2017 Annual Report</i> has been provided to the Board.</p> |

If you have any further questions or require additional information please contact me at 867-975-4730 or via email at charlotte.lamontagne@canada.ca.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Lamontagne