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April 12, 2007

BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.
1102 4920-52nd St., Yellowknife, NT X1A 3T1

Attention: Karen Hosford

RE: BHP Request to Dewater Siksik Pond on an Annual Basis

Dear Ms. Hosford:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Fish Habitat Management – Western Arctic Area (DFO) has reviewed BHP's request to dewater Siksik Pond on an annual basis during spring freshet. The purpose of dewatering the pond is to avoid the inflow of surface water into the adjacent Fox Pit that poses a safety concern for employees working in the pit.

Based on the study conducted by Rescan Environmental Services Ltd. that confirmed Siksik Pond and the small tributary water bodies feeding the pond are not fish bearing, DFO has no concerns with this request from a fish habitat perspective.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (867) 669-4931.

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