

Master Comments from Peregrine Diamonds

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Peregrine-1	Peregrine Diamonds	14/02/2014	DNLUP	5	Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development	Peregrine Diamonds Ltd.'s ("Peregrine") comments on the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan ("DNLUP") are detailed in the following paragraphs. Peregrine appreciates the Nunavut Planning Commission's ("NPC") request for comments. The focus of these comments will be on the geological potential of Nunavut, the role the minerals industry must play in developing a sustainable Nunavut economy, and the request to grant Peregrine's exploration projects the Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development ("ESED-1") designation.	Land Use Designations have been revised to provide for more clarity. The ESED goal has been retained but the land use designation has been changed to special management. Areas of high mineral potential have been designated to prohibit the establishment of Parks and Conservation Areas. 80% of the NSA remains open to mining exploration and development.
Peregrine-2	Peregrine Diamonds	14/02/2014	DNLUP	Schedule "A"	Land Use Map - Designations	As it presently exists, the DNLUP land use map in Schedule "A" entitled Nunavut Land Use Plan Lands Use Designations details only a small number of mineral/mining projects as Encouraging Sustainable Economic Development ("ESED"). The source of this information and the criteria for selecting these specific areas are unclear as are the reasons specific sites were selected and others neglected. This ESED designation should be significantly expanded to reflect all current mineral exploration projects, the exploration history of the territory and geology of the territory for which there is abundant documentation.	The land use Designations have been redesign to clarify the requirements. Note mining activity can occur in any area in the NSA unless specifically prohibited. The Plan does contain 15% protected area where mining is prohibited. These include core caribou calving and post calving areas, unique habitat for polar bear, walrus, whales and seals. All existing rights in place at the time the Plan is approved are considered to confirm to the Plan.
Peregrine-3	Peregrine Diamonds	14/02/2014	DNLUP	Schedule "B"	Land Use Map - Recommendations	On the Schedule B map of the DNLUP entitled Nunavut Land Use Plan Recommendations the ESED designations are larger than on the Schedule "A" map. These areas are larger but still do not adequately reflect the geological potential of the territory in location or scope. As with the Schedule "A" map, the source information and selection criteria are not clear. Certainly, the preponderance of the areas on the map are dominated by the BHC-R2 designation which, in areas that do not have overlapping ESED designations, give the impression that ESED is excluded. Geological data available in the document history can be utilized to delineate all known prospective areas. However, Nunavut's vast territory representing one fifth of Canada's land mass is still underexplored and new discoveries will undoubtedly be made in the future with new exploration initiatives and new technologies. An example of new discoveries can be found on the Hall Peninsula of Baffin Island which was largely deemed as having meager mineral potential until 2008. At this time Peregrine discovered the Chidliak kimberlite field now totaling 67 kimberlites. In 2013 the Canada- Nunavut Geosciences Office based in Iqaluit discovered layered ultramafic rocks in two places on Hall Peninsula. This discovery, along with work done by Peregrine, gives an indication of metals potential. In developing land use plan maps the NPC should seek and review the knowledge available through historic geological documents, and utilize local territorial geological expertise (Canada Nunavut Geoscience Office, AANDC Geology and the Government of Nunavut Minerals Division) to develop a more accurate representation of the mineral potential of the territory. The ESED-1 designation should be expanded to reflect current and historic mineral projects and areas beyond these ESED-1 regions should be clearly illustrated as multi-use in anticipation of possible future mineral discoveries.	Schedule B has been replaced to more clarity represent NWB Water Management Areas and other important information. 80% of the NSA is open to mining and of that 6% is exclusively for mineral exploration and development.