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Subject: Acknowledge CARC and INAC letters

Review Board Acknowledges receipt of letters from INAC and CARC and asks INAC to provide its legal, policy or practicality considerations in support of its assertion that use of the rules is inappropriate.

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RE: De Beers Snap Lake Diamonds Project Request for Ruling on Public Hearings

Dear Mr. Livingstone and Mr., O'Reilly,

On August 24, 2001, INAC and CARC provided the additional supporting information requested by the Review Board on August 16, 2001, regarding the question of having public hearing(s) and/or formal scoping session(s) for the De Beers environmental assessment Terms of Reference. The Review Board intends to consider your letters at its next meeting. I am also taking this opportunity to inform CARC and other interested parties that the Review Board will judicially ensure the fairness of the environmental assessment process. To that end, De Beers has until 5:00 pm, August 28, 2001, to respond to the respective submissions.

Regarding the use of the *draft Rules of Procedures for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings* (Rules), INAC notes it would be inappropriate to use the rules, but does not explain why. Therefore, INAC is asked to provide the Review Board its legal, policy or practicality considerations in support of its assertion that use of the rules is inappropriate.

If you have any questions about the Review Board's decision please feel free to contact Louie Azzolini at (867) 873-9029.

Sincerely,

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