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RE: De Beers Snap Lake Diamonds Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan

Dear Mr. Catholique,

The Review Board met on September 17, 2001, to consider the Draft Terms of Reference and draft Work Plan for the De Beers Snap Lake Diamonds Project Environmental Assessment. The Review Board was impressed with the quality of submissions and the breadth of interested territorial and national parties. The Review Board noted the comments provided by the Wildlife, Lands and Environment Committee and directed its staff to incorporate many of the comments into the final Terms of Reference.

The Review Board also considered the Wildlife, Lands, Environment Committee's, and CARC's request for public scoping sessions or hearings on the Terms of Reference. The Review Board acknowledges the value of public hearings and has incorporated public meetings and hearings during the technical component of the EA. The Review Board has however decided to decline the request to undertake public scoping session or hearing given the feedback provided and placed on the public register regarding the Terms of Reference and Work Plan.

Sincerely.

Vern Christensen Executive Director