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Subject: RE: Confirmation of Standing in the De Beers EA

Hi Louie

I thought that Environment Canada had indicated to you in a previous letter that we were identifying ourselves as an Responsible Minister as defined under the MVRMA which would place us in the "DIRECTLY AFFECTED PARTY" as defined under the "draft Term of Reference". Maybe we needed to be more explicit in our previous letter.

Please be advised that Environment Canada is identifying itself as a "Directly Affected Party". The Department has mandated responsibilities pursuant to the Fisheries Act and the Migratory Bird Convention Act that may be a factor in the Snap Lake Project.

If you require further information please let me know.

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Subject: Confirmation of Standing in the De Beers EA

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the letter below please respond at your earliest convenience.

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To The Facsimile and email Distribution List

RE: Determination of Standing in the De Beers Environmental Assessment

On September 16, 2001, the Review Board decided to apply its draft Rules of Procedure as they were at that time (the "De Beers Rules of Procedure") to the De Beers Snap Lake project. The De Beers Rules of Procedure will help people with an interest in the environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed De Beers diamond mine to participate to the Review Board's consideration of the development.

The De Beers Rules of Procedure provide for three classes of participants in the Snap Lake EA depending on several factors, including how directly the proposed development affects a party's legal interests and how active a role a party wants to play in the EA process. Any persons or organizations who wanted to be involved in the EA were asked to contact let the Review Board and to advise as to whether they were directly affected by the proposed De Beers diamond mine, wanted intervenor status, or only wanted a chance to be informed and participate informally in the EA. The status accorded to you or your organization under the De Beers Rules of Procedure will affect the role you may play in the EA process.

The North Slave Metis Alliance, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Natural Resources Canada are requesting Directly Affected Party standing.

The Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, and the World Wildlife Fund are requesting Intervenor standing.

It is important for you or your organization to specify the role you wish to play in the EA process early so that when there are any public hearings, or if you want a chance to ask questions to De Beers, you can do so without any delays or legal issues. If you believe you or your organization are directly impacted by the proposed De Beers Diamond Mine, want to intervene in the EA or want a chance to participate in the EA contact Louie Azzolini at 867-766-7053 as soon as possible.

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