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**RE: Draft Terms of Reference and the Draft Work Plan (documents) for the De Beers Snap Lake Diamonds Project Environmental Assessment (De Beers EA) - Extension of Comment Period**

Dear Mr. Ellis,

Thank you for your participation in the De Beers EA and your letter dated August 3, 2001. The Review Board considered your request for a 30-day extension to the public comment period and decided to allow more time for people to submit comments on the draft documents. The Review Board agreed to make Wednesday August 29, 2001, the last day for receiving comments on the draft documents. By copy of this letter to the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, Mr. O'Reilly is being informed of the decision.

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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**RE: De Beers Snap Lake Diamonds Project Environmental Assessment (De Beers EA) - Request for Hearings**

On August 16, 2001, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board or Board) considered the De Beers draft EA Terms of Reference and draft work plan (documents), and submissions provided on those documents by governments, First Nations, Non-governmental Organizations and the public. The Review Board noted the valuable input and encouraged everyone's continued participation.

The Review Board noted that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada recommended hearings at the outset of the De Beers EA and the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee's request for a ruling on the necessity of conducting formal scoping meetings or hearings for the De Beers environmental assessment.

The Review Board intends to provide its views on the CARC request and the INAC recommendation in accordance with its Rules of *Procedure for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings* (Rules 50-54). Therefore, the INAC and CARC are requested to provide the Review Board a clear and concise statement of the relevant facts, the decision being sought (public hearing), and reasons why the decision is needed. Please provide the information to Executive Director on or before August 24, 2001.

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

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