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**De Beers' Environmental Assessment  
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CJCD: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board has a few qualms with De Beers and its environmental assessment report. The review board has listed nine points in which the assessment report does not conform with its terms of reference for that project. Among other things the review board says De Beers has not gone far enough to identify which communities will experience increased traffic volumes, the effects on aboriginal languages and culture, a suitable work rotation and what effects closure would have on employees. As a result, the review board says it will keep the conformity phase for the Snap Lake Mine open until its satisfied that the assessment confirms with the terms of reference. This will not affect the technical analysis of De Beers' proposal. Technical hearings for the Snap Lake Mine took place two weeks ago in Yellowknife. The Snap Lake Mine is proposed to be Canada's third diamond mine, the first to be developed entirely underground. It's located 220 kilometres to the north of Yellowknife. De Beers proposes its mine will be operational by 2005.