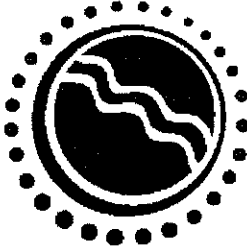


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Mr. Clem Paul, President
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P.O. Box 340,
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Dear Mr. Paul:

**RE: Conformity Decision on the Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) for the
De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project**

The North Slave Metis Association (NSMA) asked for and was provided a three-day grace period to submit its conformity letter dated April 13, 2002. That request was conveyed to the Review Board's office before the official close of the conformity consultation period on April 9, 2002. The Review Board recently met and considered the North Slave Metis Alliance's April 13th submission and decided that the NSMA's concerns warrant further investigation. The Review Board therefore has directed its staff to develop Information Requests (IRs) to be forwarded to De Beers to address these concerns and, if possible, the IRs are to be discussed with the NSMA before being issued.

I am available at your convenience to discuss the IRs being prepared by the Review Board's staff based on the NSMA April 13th letter. I plan to submit the IRs to De Beers on May 27, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luciano Azzolini".

Luciano Azzolini
Environmental Assessment Officer.

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