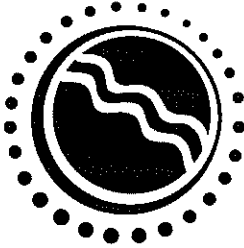


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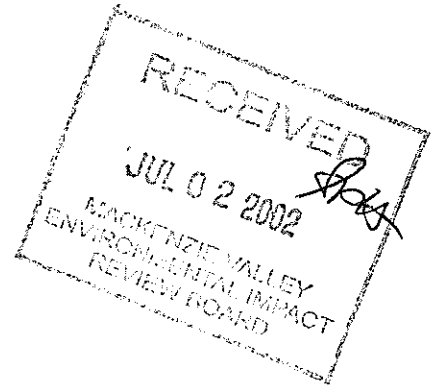
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Dear Sir:

**Re: "Directly Affected Party" Status  
De Beers Canada Mining Inc.  
Snap Lake Diamond Project**

Our organization is hereby requesting directly affected party status for the above captioned project based on the fact that we are a first nation affected by a proposed development.

The Metis of Rae-Edzo have been represented by Metis Nation Local #64, Rae Edzo for a decade. That representation continues today by our organization. Our mandate includes:

- To ensure that all Metis people are aware of and provided with access to their legal, social and political rights.
- To promote the participation of Metis people in all spheres of economic activity in the Northwest Territories.

At the present time we have retained professional advisors to assist us in articulating a claim for land, resources and self government. In order to fully participate in the economy related to our birthright we need to be involved as direct participants in the review of the proposed De Beers Snap Lake Project.

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For the last several weeks we have been receiving all documentation from your organization that is being submitted to you. Having reviewed this material we are very much of the opinion that the status we seek is critical to protect the interests of the Metis whom we represent. Our people will be directly affected by the proposed development.

Please advise immediately if there is anything additional required from us to make this application as we need to move ahead quickly with our involvement in this process and we understand that your Board of Directors will be meeting in the very near future. We very much want to have this application considered at that meeting.

You may feel free to speak with our legal counsel, Mr. Garth L. Wallbridge, on this application, or any other matter, as he is readily available in Yellowknife and has our authority to speak on our behalf. He may be contacted at 920-4000.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'North Douglas', written in a cursive style.

North Douglas, Vice President