Louie Azzolini

From: Janet Hutchison [jhutchison@nucleus.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2002 5:59 PM

To: Louie Azzolini

Cc: J. Michael Thoms; Bob Turner; Clem Paul

Subject: Proposed Amended Work plan

Dear Mr. Azzolini,

Thank you for your letter of today's date regarding the Board's timetable to consider and decide upon the new deadlines under the proposed amended work plan. If I understand the letter correctly, the parties will not receive the revised work plan until sometime in September, 2002.

Under the circumstances, I would appreciate confirmation that none of the proposed deadlines in the proposed amended work plan are operative. Specifically, please confirm that the proposed deadline of July 17/02 for submission of Round Two information requests is not binding on the parties.

Also, given that the Board has not made any decision regarding new timelines, I would ask you to confirm that, at some point in the process, the parties will be given an opportunity to submit IR's arising from the IR responses filed by DeBeers on June 28, 2002 (over one month after the existing deadline for submission of Round 3 IR's, which are to include IR's arising from responses to Round One and Two IR's.) We note that to preserve fairness in the process, this date could not expire until a reasonable time after the Board makes a decision on the amended work plan.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, July 17, 2002 8:31 AM

To:

'Janet Hutchison'

Subject:

RE: DeBeers IR Responses

I intend on releasing the IR responses as soon as possible. I was planning on getting the letters ready today and delivering them by hand to those in Yellowknife today or tomorrow. Hope this helps.

LA

----Original Message----

From: Janet Hutchison [mailto:jhutchison@nucleus.com]

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To: Louie Azzolini

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Subject: DeBeers IR Responses

Mr. Azzolini

I received a copy of DeBeer's July 16/02 letter by fax today. Based on that letter I understand that DeBeer's submitted further IR responses on July 12, 2002. Please advise if those IR responses have been released to the parties or posted on the Board website. If the IR responses have not been released, please advise when teh parties will receive DeBeer's latest responses.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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