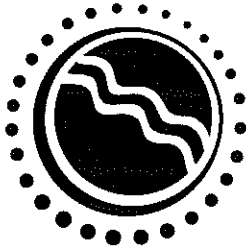


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VIA Facsimile: (867) 920-4761

Dear Mr. Wray:

DeBeers Snap Lake Project - Environmental Assessment (EA) Process

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) with comments and concerns regarding the June 24, 2002 proposed changes to the DeBeers Snap Lake Environmental Assessment Workplan (the Workplan). The GNWT believes that consultation with all directly affected parties and interveners throughout the environmental assessment process is of great value and we would encourage the MVEIRB to ensure the views of all affected parties are heard.

Following discussions between the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development personnel with your staff, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has four remaining concerns with the revised Workplan.

1. The proposed schedule does not allow sufficient time to prepare, review and coordinate the submission of comprehensive technical reports. The GNWT will require six weeks. These reports require considerable effort for review, input and coordination to accurately represent GNWT concerns. We believe it is in everyone's best interests, including the Proponent's, to ensure a thorough and complete review. Failure to adequately address technical aspects at this stage will only cause further delays and costs for the Proponent in the future.

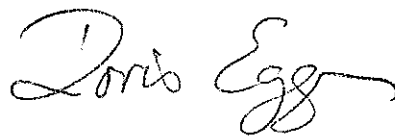
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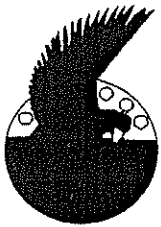
2. Completeness of, and accuracy within, technical reports depends on reviewers having full information prior to preparing a technical report. The GNWT requests that the amount of time allotted for the coordination and preparation of the Technical Reports begin only once the Environmental Assessment Report is in conformity and all responses have been received to Board-issued Information Requests. In this way, delays associated with the Proponent's response to conformity and information requests will not jeopardize the quality of technical advice we are able to provide the MVEIRB.
3. The GNWT is concerned with the adequacy of public consultation and participation during the summer months. The GNWT feels that input from Aboriginal groups is particularly important. We would encourage MVEIRB to ensure that sufficient time is provided to the public to provide adequate input to the environmental assessment process. The GNWT relies significantly on the established transparent and public procedures of the board to adequately provide for consultation.
4. The proposed Workplan requires that technical reports be completed prior to technical sessions. We feel that it would be more efficient to schedule the submission of technical reports following the technical session. Following the technical session we would be in a better position to provide more complete and comprehensive technical advice.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the revised process and associated timelines. I hope these comments are helpful.

Sincerely,

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Doris Eggers
Director, Policy, Legislation, and Communications
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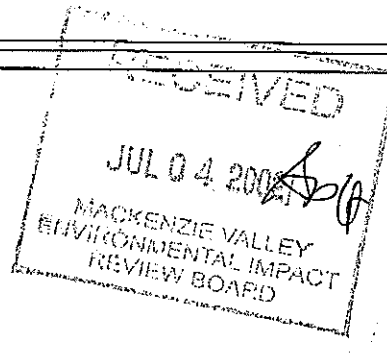


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RE: Proposed De Beers Snap Lake EA Workplan Amendment

Dear Mr. Azzolini:

The Wildlife, Lands and Environment Committee of the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has reviewed the Proposed June Work Plan Amendment for the De Beers Snap Lake EA. We find the proposed workplan deficient for our needs. As we have just recently received approval of resources to conduct a thorough review of the EAR and to prepare technical IRs, we do not have time before the proposed July 17th IR #2 deadline to complete our technical review of the EAR. This is further compounded by the summer traveling season, where many of our key personnel are out-on-the land or attending assemblies / meetings throughout the NWT.

In light of these difficulties, we suggest that Information Request Round Two as proposed in the amendment be extended to mid-September.

Sincerely,

Charlie Catholique - Chair
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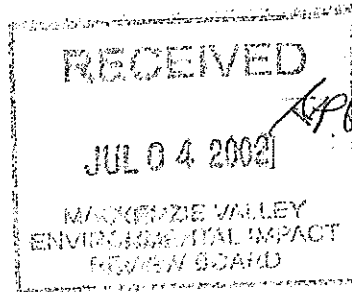
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Environmental Assessment Officer**

Dear Sir:

Re: De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project - Environmental Assessment

In review of the Board's Rules of Procedure, I noted that under Rule 14, the Board's direction on procedure would override the Rules of Procedure. Please advise whether the Board has issued any such directions on procedure under Rule 14. If the Board has issued such directions, I would appreciate receiving copies of those directions immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

CHAMBERLAIN HUTCHISON

for **PER: JANET L. HUTCHISON**
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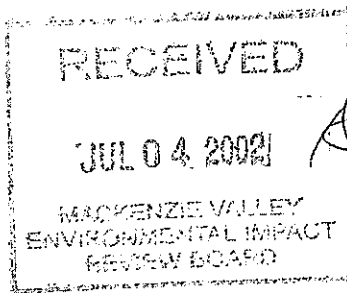
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ATTENTION: LUCIANO AZZOLINI,
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Dear Sir:

Re: De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project – Environmental Assessment

I am writing in relation to the re-classification of my client's non-conformity response to information request. In your telephone discussions with our researcher, Terry DeMarco, on May 22, 2002, you advised Ms. DeMarco that, in your opinion and experience, there is no down side to re-classification from a non-conformity to a IR. You indicated that the re-classification would not affect the NSMA's ability to advance its views on the items detailed in its non-conformity report.

I further understand that you had advised Ms. DeMarco that you would be checking with the Board's legal counsel to determine whether they had any different views on that issue. I would appreciate it if you would advise me whether your advice to Ms. DeMarco continues to be the Board's position on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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