



Northwest
Territories Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development

June 8, 2001

Mr. Vern Christensen
Executive Director
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Christensen:

**Environmental Assessment of De Beers Snap Lake
Diamond Project MV2001C0012 and MV2001L2-0002**

Thank you for your letter of June 1, 2001 requesting notification of the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) intent to participate in the environmental assessment process for the above noted project.

For this environmental assessment, the GNWT will participate as an "Expert Advisor" as defined in your letter. While the GNWT does not have any regulatory responsibilities with respect to the proposed project, we would like to provide our relevant expertise in support of the environmental assessment process. In light of the Departmental mandate for the management of wildlife and forestry, the Minister of Resources, Wildlife, and Economic Development also wishes to be recognized as a "responsible minister" as defined in s.111 of the MVRMA for this environmental assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this environmental assessment. Please direct all future correspondence related to this assessment to Mr. Brett Hudson, Environmental Assessment Analyst.

Sincerely,

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A/Director
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