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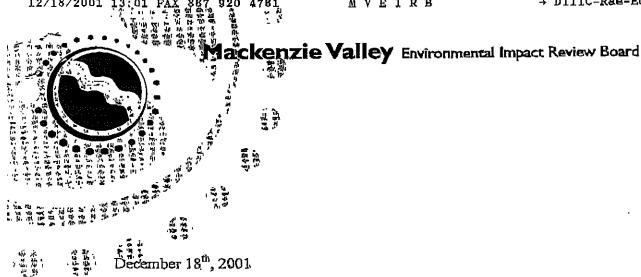
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Dear Sir or Madam,

As you may be aware, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) is currently conducting a review of its revised draft Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines. At a recent workshop, several groups expressed interest in helping to re-draft this document, to provide a more useful resource document for the preliminary screening and environmental assessment processes.

In response to this interest, the MVEIRB is now putting together an inter-agency working group to suggest and re-draft changes. Organizations are expected to cover their own costs of participation. Time demands include approximately one teleconference per month plus follow-up work between meetings. The work period will extend to September of 2002. If your organization would like to participate, please send us the name of one representative. If you are not able to participate but would like to be kept informed, please let us know.

Details concerning the approach and workplan will be circulated and discussed during to the first meeting. The final Guidelines resulting form this work will help clarify preliminary screening and environmental assessment, enabling all to more effectively participate. We hope you can take part, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Environmental Assessment Officer

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Attention: Todd Burlingame, Chair

## Regulatory Submission - Snap Lake Diamond Project, Snap Lake, NT Environmental Assessment Report

De Beers Canada Mining Incorporated (De Beers) is pleased to submit this Environmental Assessment (EA) Report for the proposed Snap Lake Diamond Project. This EA was developed according to the Terms of Reference (ToR) and from consultation with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) staff and local regulatory agencies. A conformity table is provided in the EA to assist the board in verifying compliance with the ToR.

This submission includes three binders to assist in conducting the review of the potential impacts associated with the development of this proposed project. As requested by the MVEIRB staff, 75 copies of the EA in hard copy and 75 copies on the EA on CD (PDF format) have been provided.

The EA, contained in binders 1 and 2 presents the project description; biophysical and socio-economic settings; issues identified during community consultations and De Beers' responses; identification of potential impacts associated with the proposed project, their mitigation, and residual effects that would remain after mitigation; a cumulative effects assessment; De Beers' corporate commitments and De Beers corporate compliance to date.

The last part of the EA is the appendices that support the main sections of the EA. These appendices contain methods used in obtaining baseline environmental data, the raw data collected, and technical reports referenced in the EA.

We trust this information meets your requirements for EA of the Snap Lake Diamond Project. Should there be any questions, please contact Robin Johnstone or myself at 867-766-7300.

Yours/sincerely.

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