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March 18, 2003

Vern Christensen
Executive Director
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Box 938, 5102-50th Avenue
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Re: Snap Lake Diamond Project – Intention to Participate at Public Hearings

Dear Mr. Christensen;

In accordance with Rule 68 of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (MVEIRB) Rules of Procedure (Draft March 21, 2001), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) hereby informs you that it intends participate in the public hearings scheduled for April 29 to May 2, 2003.

The Department's presentation will be submitted to the MVEIRB on April 17, 2003 and will focus only on those unresolved issues. In the meantime, DFO will endeavour to resolve its outstanding issues directly with DeBeers Canada Inc.

Should you have any questions please call me at 669-4911 or Elaine Blais at 669-4912.

Sincerely

⊅ulie Dahl Area Chief

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