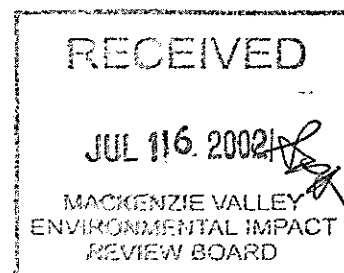


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Dear Mr. Wray,

## **RE: De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project Environmental Assessment**

In response to your request for dates for the submission of outstanding items to the Review Board, it is De Beers intent to:

- respond to Non-conformity by the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002;
- avoid delays by submitting responses to the second round of Information Requests (IR's) in two parts-
  - responses completed to date were submitted under separate cover on 12 July 2002.
  - outstanding responses to the second round of IR's will be submitted the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002;
- respond to the final IR round within the schedule provided by the MVEIRB.

On the last point, we note that De Beers ability to respond to the MVEIRB schedule is completely dependant on the number of information requests received. To date, the volume of IR's has prevented De Beers from meeting scheduled submission dates. On this basis, it would assist De Beers if any informal third round IR's presently with the Board could be formalized and released to De Beers to proceed with responding.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John McConnell".

PP John McConnell  
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