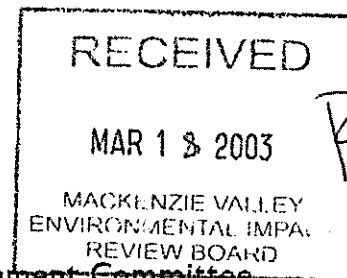


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TO Charlie Catholique
COMPANY Wildlife, Lands & Environment Committee,
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
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FROM Robin Johnstone
DATE March 17, 2003

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Glenda Fratton, MVEIRB
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Dear Charlie,

SUBJECT: Meeting with Lutsel K'e Wildlife, Lands & Environment
Committee (WLEC) to discuss Snap Lake land lease applications

In a February 24, 2003 fax to Ed Hornby, Land Use Administrator-INAC a number of questions were raised by Howard Townsend, Manager-WLEC about De Beers Land Lease applications for the Snap Lake Diamond Project. It is apparent that there is some confusion about the purpose of these applications, especially in relation to the ongoing review by Lutsel K'e of information relating to the Environmental Assessment of the Snap Lake Diamond Project.

In a meeting with Florence Catholique on 11 March 2003, De Beers offered to meet with the WLEC in Lutsel K'e to clarify the purpose of the land lease applications. Florence noted that the only time that the WLEC would have available to do this would be Friday, 24 March 2003 but that I should seek confirmation directly with you. I am available to come to Lutsel K'e on that day to meet with the WLEC to explain the applications.



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As discussed with Florence, I would also be happy to meet with Howard and provide him with an orientation to the material that the MVEIRB has circulated as part of the Public Record for the Snap Lake Diamond Project EA.

Please advise if it is suitable to meet on Friday. I would be available to meet between the arrival and departure times of Friday's scheduled flights to Lutsel K'e. Please do not hesitate to call me, Charlie if you need any further information.

Regards,



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