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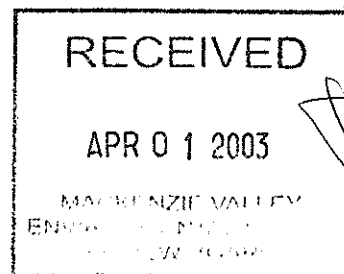
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## SUBJECT: SNAP LAKE DIAMOND PROJECT ELDER'S CARIBOU MEETING

During the technical sessions for the Snap Lake Diamond Project Environmental Assessment (EA), there was considerable interest expressed in a meeting of Elders to further discuss the potential effects of the project on caribou and identify ways to reduce possible effects. Interveners expressing interest in participating included: Dogrib Treaty 11, the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation, the North Slave Metis Alliance, and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. In mid-February, De Beers received a proposal to organize and host a meeting by the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation Wildlife, Lands and Environment Committee.

De Beers is grateful for the offer from Lutsel K'e but on consideration of the proposal thought that there would be merit in having the workshop take place on site at Snap Lake. This would allow meeting participants to see the size and layout of the proposed mine - key elements in considering potential impacts and proposing mitigation measures. An over flight of the area



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would occur to provide participants with the regional setting of the project. De Beers would be responsible for arranging all logistics.

In this memo, De Beers outlines two alternatives for a workshop. Feedback is requested to finalize the meeting. The proposed facilitators have been retained from Lutsel K'e's original proposal. The key difference is the proposed dates. One proposed date is prior to the EA Public Hearings, the other is timed to coincide with the peak northern caribou migration which occurs in mid-May but after the Public Hearings.

De Beers thinks that there is value in the workshop occurring on site during the northern caribou migration. Meeting participants would be able to participate in aerial caribou surveys during the meeting, and observe the distribution of caribou around the proposed mine site. De Beers recognizes the awkwardness of this proposal in relation to the Environmental Assessment process, but would propose that the issues and recommendations discussed at the meeting be carried forward by their respective representatives to an Environmental Agreement.

#### Participants:

Each aboriginal organization is requested to select a maximum of 3 participants. De Beers respectfully suggests that one of those participants should be the organization representative on the Bathurst Caribou Co-Management Committee, but the final selection is obviously the communities. It is hoped that 1-2 representatives of RWED-GNWT will also be represented at the meeting. De Beers will also be represented.



**Proposal One- May 12-15, 2003**

Venue: Snap Lake

Accommodations: Snap Lake Diamond Project advanced exploration camp

Facilitators: Brenda Parlee, Anne Kendrick

Schedule:      Monday a.m., May 12  
                    Participant pick-up and over flight of site and region  
                    Afternoon caribou survey  
                    Site Orientation in evening  
                    Tuesday, May 13  
                    Full day meeting  
                    Wednesday, May 14  
                    Full day meeting  
                    Thursday, May 15  
                    Morning aerial caribou survey  
                    Depart site for communities after lunch

**Proposal Two- April 15-17, 2003**

Venue: Snap Lake

Accommodations: Snap Lake Diamond Project advanced exploration camp

Facilitators: Brenda Parlee, Anne Kendrick

Schedule:      Tuesday p.m., April 15  
                    Over flight of site and region  
                    Arrive at site in time for supper.  
                    Site Orientation in evening  
                    Wednesday, April 16  
                    Full day meeting  
                    Thursday, April 17  
                    Meeting continued  
                    Depart site for communities at 4 p.m.

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De Beers request that your organization provides specific feedback on the following items:

- Preference for Proposal One or Two;
- If Proposal One is acceptable, then general agreement on the mechanism of bringing meeting outcomes to Environmental Agreement discussions;
- Acceptability of the facilitators proposed by De Beers; and,
- The name of a single point of contact for your organization that De Beers can contact to make arrangements.

Yours sincerely,



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