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Glenda: Please accept this letter in response
to the May 22nd letter from the
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Cheers

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Re: May 22nd letter from the NWT Metis Nation (NWTMN) to the MVEIRB

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) does not object to having the above letter placed on the De Beers public registry, however, we would like to provide all parties with the following clarification regarding the assertion that the Government of Canada has acknowledged South Slave Metis traditional land use in the area in question. Land and Resources negotiations are ongoing and the parties have yet to identify and agree to any traditional land use area for the NWTMN for the purposes of concluding a final agreement.

As you know Canada and the GNWT signed an Interim Measures Agreement (IMA) with the NWTMN in June 2002. The purpose of the Agreement is to provide a process whereby the NWTMN can pre-screen applications for a variety of activities such as licences, permits and leases relating to the occupation, use and disposition of lands and resources provided for by statutes and regulations of Canada and the GNWT, pending the negotiation of those matters under the NWTMN Process.

We encourage all parties to refer to the signed the Agreement for clarification of roles and responsibilities as required.

Sincerely,

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