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Hi Joe,

Please see attached letter.

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Joe Acorn Environmental Assessment Officer Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board YELLOWKNIFE NT XIA 2N7

Dear Joe Acorn:

Re: Environmental Assessment of De Beer's Snap Lake Diamond Project

I am writing in response to your letter of June 1, 2001, with regards to self-identification and DIAND's participation in the above-noted environmental assessment.

DIAND will participate as an "expert advisor", if required, in this environmental assessment. In our capacity as 'Crown land manager,' DIAND will also be a "responsible minister" with respect to disposal and administration of any lands as noted in sections 69(b) and 111 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (Act). In addition, our responsibilities as defined in Part 5 of the Act as the 'federal Minister' will require specific involvement at various stages of the environmental assessment.

With regard to the department being a source of information as an "expert advisor", we have provided this specific information on resident expertise and staff contacts in our response (dated July 26, 1999), to the MVEIRB's previous call letter on this subject.

I will be the departmental coordinator for this environmental assessment. Please contact me at 669-2616, if we may be of any assistance to the Board or staff on any matter related to this environmental assessment.

Yours sincerely,

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