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Ms. Janet Hutchinson
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BY FAX

Dear Madam:

**RE: Request for Disclosure of Review Board Staff Summaries – DeBeers
Work Plan Amendment**

On September 16th, 2002 you requested a ruling from the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board under Rule 44 of its Rules of Procedure on the disclosure of staff briefing documents related to a decision made by the Review Board on amendments to the work plan for the DeBeers Environmental Assessment. The Review Board has considered your request for this document and has decided that it will not be disclosed.

Information provided at the request of the Review Board in the context of its deliberations is confidential.

Yours truly,



John Donihee
Board Counsel

cc: Vern Christensen
Executive Director

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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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CC:	Mr. John McConnell, De Beers	Fax:	766-7347
Re:	INAC Request for Ruling		

NOTES:

Please find attached the Review Board's decision on INAC's request for ruling relating to the De Beers Canada Mining Inc. Snap Lake Diamond Project. The original letter will follow by mail.