



## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Wed. April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003

To Distribution List

**Re: Clarification of the Term "Cumulative Effects"**

The purpose of this note is to clarify the definition of cumulative effects as it is being used in the De Beers environmental assessment. This arose in discussions during the De Beers Pre-Hearing Conference.

Cumulative effects refer to the effects of the proposed development in combination with effects from other past, present or reasonably foreseeable developments. This is distinct from the combined effects of a single project, where different impacts from the same project may interact in a synergistic or additive way. Good project-specific assessment should consider effects that arise in conjunction with other impacts from the same development, and should examine these under the appropriate subject area.

Should you have any questions about this clarification, please call me at (867) 766-7056.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Ehrlich'.

Alan Ehrlich

A/ Manager of EIA

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