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As requested, the cover sheet
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Thank you.

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July 24th, 2003

The Honourable Robert D. Nault, P.C., M.P.
Minister, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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10 Wellington St. North Tower
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Dear Minister Nault:


**Re: De Beers Canada Mining Inc. Report of
Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision**

It is my pleasure to convey the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the proposed De Beers Canada Mining Inc. Snap Lake Diamond Project for your attention. The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) has recommended that this development proceed to the regulatory phase of approvals, subject to a number of recommended measures to mitigate the residual environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Review Board's decision was taken in accordance with paragraph 128(1)(b)(ii) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

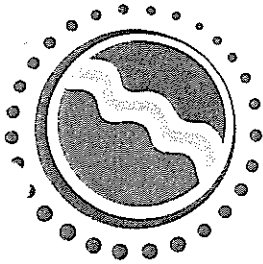
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We look forward to your response to this Report of Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,


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