



May 26th, 2003

Ms. Kris Johnson
Land & Resources Coordinator
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

RE: De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your letter of May 15th, 2003 in which you repeat the North Slave Metis Alliance's (NSMA) concerns about the distribution of technical analyses received by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) from its consultants. As Mr. Wray pointed out in his ruling on the NSMA preliminary applications on April 28th, the Review Board has not received any technical reports from its consultants which have not been placed on the public record. The Review Board may, according to law, be assisted by counsel or staff in finalizing its Reasons for Decision (the EA Report in this instance).

The Review Board will base its decision on the information on the public record. We have no new undisclosed information to provide to you. All parties to the proceeding including the NSMA were accorded ample opportunity to place their evidence and positions on the public record. That evidence is available to you at the Review Board's office or on-line. If you need assistance please contact Glenda Fratton at (867) 766-7052.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vern Christensen".

Vern Christensen
Executive Director