

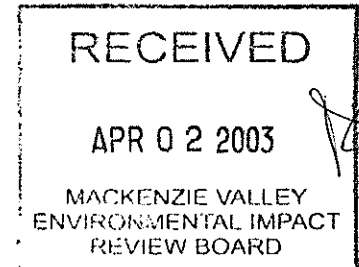
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**Attn: Glenda Fratton**

**Re: DeBeers Snap Lake Diamond Project Environmental Assessment Public Registry Submission.**

Dear Glenda,

As per our conversation at the Pre-Hearing Conference March 26, the North Slave Metis Alliance would like to submit the following copies of 'Can't Live Without Work' to the De Beers Snap Lake Environmental Assessment public registry.

'Can't Live Without Work' is a document prepared by the North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA) to address their concerns and positions related to diamond mining. The NSMA did provide De Beers with this document very early in the EA process and on several occasions requested specific responses to the recommendations it sets out. The NSMA has yet to receive a response from De Beers.

We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the Crown's inaction and failure to accommodate or address the issues outlined in 'Can't Live Without Work.' The Crown has been given copies of 'Can't Live Without Work' and has yet to respond to the issues and positions outlined by the NSMA in this document.

Given the MVEIRB mission is to protect the social, cultural and economic well-being of residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley, it is of the utmost importance that the board consider the NSMA's concerns about diamond mining as set out in 'Can't Live Without Work.' It is also the responsibility of the board to recommend against any approvals in the Snap Lake project until the Federal Government, the GNWT and the developer remedy their failure to fully and properly consult with the Aboriginal Peoples affected by this project.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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