

CHAMBERLAIN HUTCHISON+

Barristers and Solicitors

*Andrew J. Chamberlain, LL.B.
*Janet L. Hutchison, LL.B.
*Katharine L. Hurlburt, B.Sc., LL.B.
Katrjna M. Haymond, LL.B.
David S. Woo, B. Comm. LL.B

Suite 1310
10025 - 102A Ave nue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2Z2
Telephone (780) 423-3661
Fax (780) 426-1293
E-mail jhutchison@nucleus.com

Our File: 51163 JLH

TELECOPIER COVER SHEET

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO:

NAME: LUCIANO AZZOLINI
FIRM: MVEIRB
TELECOPIER NUMBER: (867) 920-4761
FROM: JANET L. HUTCHISON
DATE: September 11, 2002

NUMBER OF PAGES: 2 INCLUDING COVER PAGE
(If you do not receive all pages, please call 423 3661 as soon as possible)

RE: DEBEERS SNAP LAKE DIAMOND PROJECT - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Please refer to letter dated September 11, 2002.

Thanks.

CONFIDENTIALITY WARNING

The documents accompanying this transmission contain confidential information intended for a specific individual and purpose. The information is private, and is legally protected by law. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution, or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this telecopied information is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by collect telephone (780) 423-3661 and return the original to us by regular mail. Thank you.

*Denotes Professional Corporation
+Denotes Independent Association of Legal Practices

444

CHAMBERLAIN HUTCHISON+*Barristers and Solicitors*

*Andrew J. Chamberlain, LL.B.
*Janet L. Hutchison, LL.B.
*Katharine L. Hurlburt, B.Sc., LL.B.
Karrina M. Haymond, LL.B.
David S. Woo, B.Comm. LL.B.

Suite 1310
10025 - 102A Ave nue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2Z2
Telephone (780) 423-3661
Fax (780) 426-1293
E-mail jhutchison@nucleus.com

Our File: 51163 JLH

September 11, 2002

Via Fax Only

Mackenzie Valley Environment Impact Review Board
Box 938
Yellowknife, NWT
X1A 2N7

Attention: Luciano Azzolini,
Environmental Assessment Officer

Dear Sir:

Re: DeBeers Snap Lake Diamond Project – Environmental Assessment

Further to our meeting on September 5, 2002, I understand that the staff of MVEIRB is willing to provide participants with reasons regarding the editing or refusal to issue IRs. I would appreciate if you could provide me with such reasons in relation to all decisions made on NSMA's IRs. I realize that the Board has not issued the round 3(b) IRs at this stage. Accordingly, once that decision is made if any of the IRs submitted by the NSMA are not released or edited, I would appreciate receiving reasons for those decisions as well.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours truly,

CHAMBERLAIN HUTCHISON
PER: JANET L. HUTCHISON

JLH:amt

Cc: Client

*Denotes Professional Corporation
+Denotes Independent Association of Legal Practices