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Dear Mr. Azzolini:

**Status of the Government of the Northwest Territories in the
De Beers Canada Mining Snap Lake Project Environmental Assessment**

This is in response to your letter of January 22, 2002 requesting that participants in the above environmental assessment indicate whether they are a "Directly Affected Party", an "Intervenor", or a "Member of the Public", according to the draft Rules of Procedure that the Board has adopted for this environmental assessment.

The Minister for the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development (RWED) is a Responsible Minister under s. 111 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Therefore, RWED, acting on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories, is a "Directly Affected Party" according to the definitions set out in the draft Rules of Procedure.

Thank you for the opportunity to identify the appropriate level of participation for RWED.

Sincerely,

Robert McLeod
Deputy Minister



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