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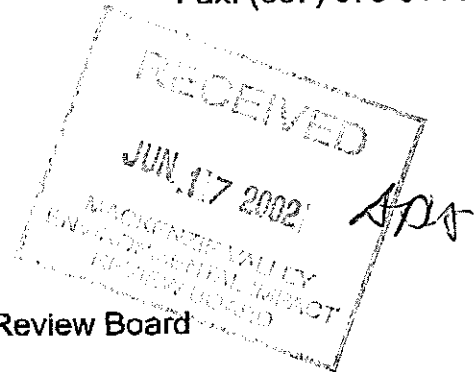
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Please see attached. Sorry for the delay!!

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Dear Mr. Wray:

Workplan for DeBeers Snap Lake Environmental Assessment

It has come to the attention of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Board) is meeting to deliberate on amendments to the existing DeBeers Environmental Assessment Workplan (the Workplan). The GNWT understands that the need for amendments to the Workplan is urgent and largely due to missed milestones, lack of information and approaching deadlines. However, to ensure that the new timelines are reasonably achievable by all parties, the GNWT respectfully recommends that the Board consider consulting with all Responsible Ministers and Affected Parties (including the Proponent) prior to approving potential amendments to the Workplan.

As the environmental assessment process continues to evolve and new experiences are gained, the GNWT can foresee process-related benefits resulting from a forum designed to discuss changes to the DeBeers Workplan. Consultation should occur to resolve such pressing issues as: adequate and appropriate consultation with First Nations; Technical Session scheduling and the relevance to Technical Reports; deadlines versus sliding milestones; Workplan impact on technical review; and Information lacking, ie: non-conformity.

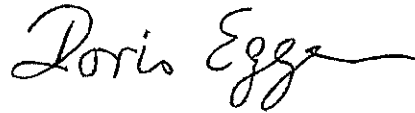
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These issues are highly relevant to this environmental assessment and would benefit from a discussion involving all parties.

Sincerely,



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