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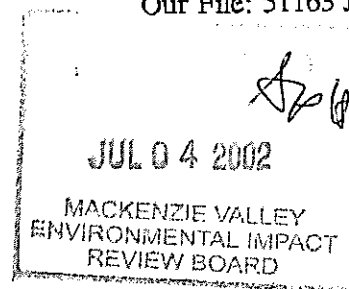
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**RE: DEBEERS SNAP LAKE DIAMOND PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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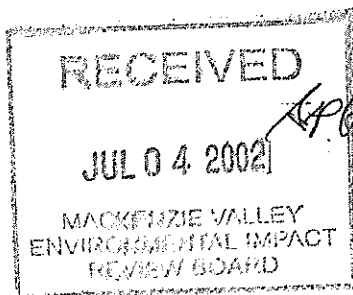
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**ATTENTION: LUCIANO AZZOLINI,**  
**Environmental Assessment Officer**

Dear Sir:

**Re: De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project - Environmental Assessment**

In review of the Board's Rules of Procedure, I noted that under Rule 14, the Board's direction on procedure would override the Rules of Procedure. Please advise whether the Board has issued any such directions on procedure under Rule 14. If the Board has issued such directions, I would appreciate receiving copies of those directions immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

**CHAMBERLAIN HUTCHISON**

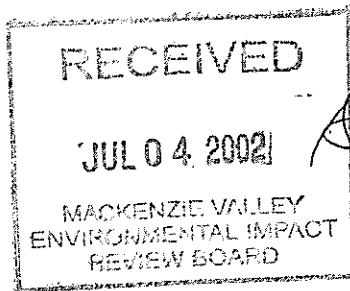
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Dear Sir:

**Re: De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project – Environmental Assessment**

I am writing in relation to the re-classification of my client's non-conformity response to information request. In your telephone discussions with our researcher, Terry DeMarco, on May 22, 2002, you advised Ms. DeMarco that, in your opinion and experience, there is no down side to re-classification from a non-conformity to a IR. You indicated that the re-classification would not affect the NSMA's ability to advance its views on the items detailed in its non-conformity report.

I further understand that you had advised Ms. DeMarco that you would be checking with the Board's legal counsel to determine whether they had any different views on that issue. I would appreciate it if you would advise me whether your advice to Ms. DeMarco continues to be the Board's position on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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