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Subject: De Beers July 2, 2002 MVRMA S.22 Meeting

As promised, a follow-up note from a meeting earlier this month with government environmental assessment co-ordinators responsible for coordinating expert input into the De Beers environmental assessment.

For the interest of those receiving this email S.22 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* states that "Subject to any other federal or territorial law, a board may obtain from any department or agency of the federal or territorial government any information in the possession of the department or agency that the board requires for the performance of its functions. For this reason, the Review Board's environmental assessment officers meet to coordinate S.22 information from government.

We last met on July 2, 2002. This is a summary of the key points of that meeting.

1. General request to put the environmental assessment on hold until De Beers responds to outstanding Conformity and Information Requests are submitted.
2. General request to have sliding timelines or "windows" of time allocated for each process step in the environmental assessment with triggers to the next phase contingent on completion of the appropriate preceding outputs.
3. Request to have the Draft Pre-hearing Conference guide widely distributed.
4. Request to have public distribution of draft work plan amendments before any decisions taken by the Review Board.
5. Request to have technical reports submitted after technical meetings.
6. Request for additional Information regarding how disagreements at a pre-hearing will be addressed, by whom (pre-hearing procedural)

I hope this note succinctly captures the essence of the discussion.

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