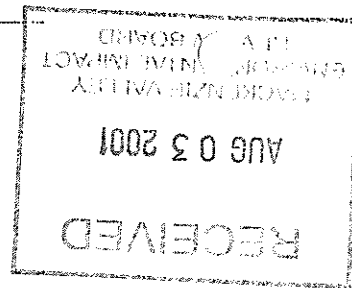




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Dear Mr. Lennie,

The Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation is **requesting an extension of one month on the August 3, 2001 deadline** for comments on the draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Environmental Assessment of the De Beers Canada Mining Inc. Snap Lake Diamond Project. Due to limited staffing, the passing of a prominent community Elder and the rigorous travel requirements of the Chief and Council and WLE Committee, we have not been able to fully review the aforementioned document.

We believe we have a significant stake in the outcome of this environmental assessment, and would like to insure that our voice is heard. Our somewhat limited capacity should not stifle our ability to contribute to the environmental assessment process. We look forward to having the full opportunity to review the Terms of Reference and Work Plan.

Sincerely,

Stephen Ellis - Director
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