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By Hand:

Dear Mr. Johnstone:

RE: Conformity Decision on the Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) for the De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project

De Beers inquired on May 9, 2002 if the Review Board would entertain additional conformity interventions. The Review Board appreciates your question and notes that it will not entertain any further interventions on conformity. The conformity phase of the environmental assessment remains open only for De Beers, and only until it satisfies the Review Board that the non-conforming line numbers in the EAR are addressed.

As you know, the North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA) asked for and was provided a three-day grace period to submit its conformity letter. That request was submitted to the Review Board's office before the official close of the conformity consultation period on April 9, 2002. The Review Board ruled on that submission and directed staff to develop Information Requests (IRs) to be forwarded to the De Beers to address the concerns identified.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding. If there are any further concerns about conformity please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Luciano Azzolini".

Luciano Azzolini
Environmental Assessment Officer