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Ms. JoAnne Deneron
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Via facsimile: 867-766-7074

Dear Ms. Deneron:

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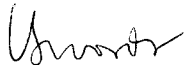
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The Government of the Northwest Territories has the mandate and possesses the expertise for managing barren ground caribou herds; therefore, they are the most appropriate party to respond to your request.

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With respect to the assessment of the effectiveness of mitigation measures, the Board may wish to consult with the environmental monitoring agencies in the Northwest Territories given their ongoing role in monitoring the implementation of mitigation measures related to diamond mines.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen Swords', with a stylized, cursive script.

Colleen Swords

c.c.: Mr. Ernie Campbell

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