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Mr. Chuck Hubert
Mackenzie Valley Review Board
200 Scotia Centre
Box 938, 5102-50th Avenue
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

RE: De Beers Gahcho Kué Project Final Submission – Transport Canada

Dear Mr. Hubert,

Transport Canada is pleased to provide this letter as the Final Submission for the construction of the De Beers Canada Inc. Gahcho Kué project to the Mackenzie Valley Review Board. Transport Canada is responsible for transportation policies and programs and seeks to promote an integrated transportation system that is safe, secure, efficient, sustainable and environmentally responsible.

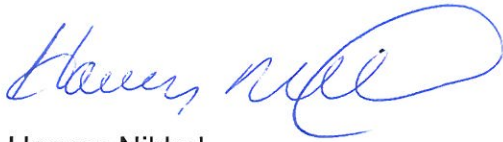
Transport Canada's involvement in the environmental assessment review process focused on a review of the construction and operation of the proposed dykes, berms, water intakes, outfalls and water crossings that may be subject to approval under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWP)*. In addition, De Beers Canada has identified a portion of Kennady Lake that will be dewatered and tailings deposited into Kennady Lake. This will require an exemption under Section 23 of the *NWP*. De Beers Canada Inc. has acknowledged that this is a requirement for the project to proceed and will file an application to Transport Canada in the near future.

Transport Canada will be able to fully assess potential impacts to navigation and potential navigational safety hazards after design plans have been finalized and applications have been submitted for approval under the *NWP*.

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Should you have any questions or would like to discuss please contact Michael Molinski by telephone at (204) 984-0440 or via email at Michael.Molinski@tc.gc.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harvey Nikkel", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Harvey Nikkel
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