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**RE: Request for Ruling – Public Meeting/Hearing De Beers Snap Lake Diamonds
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**RE: De Beers Snap Lake Diamonds Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Draft
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Dear Mr. Catholique,

The Review Board met on September 17, 2001, to consider the Draft Terms of Reference and draft Work Plan for the De Beers Snap Lake Diamonds Project Environmental Assessment. The Review Board was impressed with the quality of submissions and the breadth of interested territorial and national parties. The Review Board noted the comments provided by the Wildlife, Lands and Environment Committee and directed its staff to incorporate many of the comments into the final Terms of Reference.

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From: Louie Azzolini**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2001 2:52 PM**To:** Brett Hudson (E-mail); Bridgette Larocque; Buddy Williams (E-mail); CARC Kevin (E-mail); Chamber of mines ED (E-mail); CPAWS (E-mail); Dechi Laof'i First Nation (E-mail); Doug Soloway (E-mail); EAO2; Ecology North (E-mail); Health Canada 2 (E-mail); John Donihee (E-mail); John Ramsey (E-mail); Julie Dahl (E-mail); LKDFN Wildlife Lands Environment Ctte (E-mail); Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation (E-mail); Mark Dahl (E-mail); Mark Lange DFO (E-mail); Mary Tampsell (E-mail); MVLWB Permit (E-mail) (E-mail); NSMA Bob Turner (E-mail); Nunavut Impact Review Board (E-mail); Paula Pacholek [Yel] (E-mail); Robin Johnstone (E-mail); Roland Semjanovs; Roland Semjanovs (E-mail); Sierra Legal Defence Fund (E-mail 2); Stephen Harbicht (E-mail); Tamara Hamilton (E-mail); Tim Byers (E-mail); Vern Christensen; Wha Ti First Nation (E-mail); William (Bill) Carpenter (E-mail); WWF - Peter J. Ewins (E-mail); WWF Tony Y. (E-mail); YK Chamber of Commerce (E-mail)**Subject:** De Beers EA - Rules of Procedure and Scoping Sessions

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