

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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RE: Providing Public Documents to the BHP Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

Thank you for the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency's letter of July 16, 1999, and the expressed intention of participating in the BHP Ekati Diamond Mine extension environmental assessment. The interest expressed is an important part of the Review Board's participatory model of environmental assessment it seeks to encourage.

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is an institution of public government. All publically available evidence the Review Board will consider in environmental assessments is maintained in the Public Registry. The Public Registry is open for viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with 24 hours advance notice. The Review Board regrets that it cannot provide any Public Registry access or information privileges to the BHP Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency that the Review Board is unable to consistently provide everyone.

Please feel free to call me at 873-9189 if you need more information or to discuss this or any other matter. I would be happy to meet with at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



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