



BHP Diamonds Inc.

June 14, 1999

Ms. Heidi Klein
Executive Director
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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P.O. Box 938
Yellowknife NT X1A 2N7

**Re: Project Description – Proposed Development of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth
Kimberlite Pipes sent to NGOs**

Dear Heidi:

Enclosed are the cover letters for copies of the project description that have been sent to Nongovernmental Agencies and Local Government.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Hanks at 669-6145 or myself at 867-880-2278.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Williams
Manager, Environment and Resource Development

cc. Jim Excell, Graham Nicholls, Jerry Bair, MVEIRB,
Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

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Red Pedersen
Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency
10-5120 49th Street
Yellowknife NT X1A 1P8

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David Kay
NWT Manager
Ducks Unlimited Canada
5017 - 52nd Street
Yellowknife NT X1A 1T5

Re: Project Description – Proposed Development of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Kimberlite Pipes

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Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Box 1934
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P4

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William Carpenter
World Wildlife Fund
5134 Forrest Drive North
Yellowknife, NT
X1A 2W4

**Re: Project Description – Proposed Development of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth
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Mike Vaydik
NWT Chamber of Mines
Box 2818
Yellowknife, NT
X1A 2R1

Re: Project Description – Proposed Development of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Kimberlite Pipes

Dear Mike:

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Gordon Van Tighem
Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce
#6, 4807 - 49th Street
Yellowknife, NT
X1A 3T5

Re: Project Description – Proposed Development of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Kimberlite Pipes

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Kevin Diebold
NWT Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2544
Yellowknife, NT
X1A 2P8

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Mayor David Lovell
City of Yellowknife
P.O. Box 580
4908 - 52nd Street
Yellowknife, NT
X1A 2N4

**Re: Project Description – Proposed Development of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth
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Dear Mayor Lovell:

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Andrew Spaulding
President
Ecology North
Box 995
Yellowknife NT X1A 2N7

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Research Director
Canadian Arctic Resources Committee
4807 - 49th Street
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