## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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RE: Notice of Development Referral to Environmental Assessment - Beartooth, Pigeon and Sable Kimberlite Pipe Development

Pursuant to subsection 126(5) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) you are hereby notified that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) intends to undertake an environmental assessment of your proposed development. The development proposal was referred to the Review Board for environmental assessment by the Northwest Territories Water Board as per Section 125(1) of the Act.

The Review Board is required to determine the scope of the development (ss.117(1)) for the purposes of conducting the environmental assessment, as well as to consider the factors listed in ss.117(2). To complete these required tasks as expeditiously as possible, we will be contacting you for further information regarding your development activities as per our meeting of April 29, 1999.

If you have any questions or require additional information on the environmental assessment, please call Louie Azzolini.

Sincerely,

Heidi Klein Executive Director

cc:

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