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RE: Notice of Development Referral to Environmental Assessment - Beartooth, Pigeon and Sable Kimberlite Pipe Development - (BHP environmental assessment)

This letter constitutes notification pursuant to subsection 126(5) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) intends is undertaking an environmental assessment of the BHP Beartooth, Pigeon and Sable Kimberlite pipe development proposal. 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. Section 118 of the Act indicates no licence, permit or other authorization required for carrying out the development may be issued until a final determination is made.

The Review Board is required to determine the scope of the development (ss.117(1)) for the purposes of conducting the environmental assessment, in addition to considering several factors in the environmental assessment (ss.117(2)). The Review Board is preparing its directions for the environmental assessment and may be contacting your office in the future. Please contact Louie Azzolini, project co-ordinator, regarding any enquires concerning this environmental assessment. His phone number and e-mail addresses are as follows: 873-9189 and lazzo@internorth.com.

Sincerely,

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for Heidi Klein
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