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Teresa Jordrie Director, Renewable Resources and Environment Indian and Northern Affairs Canada P. O. Box 1500 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2R3

Re: De Beers 2008 Environmental Agreement Annual Report

Dear Ms. Joudrie,

Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) reviewed De Beers 2008 Environmental Agreement Annual Report (2008 EAAR) and found it to be acceptable for the purpose of the Environmental Agreement.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) requested in its comments on 2007 EAAR that a more detailed consideration of adaptive management and data trends should be provided in subsequent annual reports. To address this, De Beers provided additional detail in the Section 2 (2008 Environmental Monitoring Program Summary) to outline trends with regards to air quality and emissions, aquatic effects monitoring, hydrogeology and geochemistry, and vegetation. De Beers also promised that additional detail concerning the analysis of those results would be provided in the 2009 Environmental Agreement Annual Report. SLEMA appreciates these improvements De Beers made and is looking forward to more improvements in the report presentation, such as the use of site photos, charts and figures for trend analysis, and a comprehensive summary of compliance.

If you have any questions whatsoever please feel free to contact the undersigned or David White at 867-765-0961 / <u>dwhite@slema.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

Johnny Weyallon Chairperson