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RE: Draft Land Use Permit for the Snap Lake Diamond Mine

Dear Ms. Hayden,

Please accept the following comments from the Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) regarding the Draft Land Use Permit (LUP) for the Snap Lake Diamond Mine.

As stated in the SLEMA 2009-2010 Annual Report, “De Beers runs the Snap Lake Diamond Mine in a way that maintains the majority of its environmental commitments”. Therefore, SLEMA has no objections to De Beers LUP application.

With regard to the draft terms and conditions, SLEMA welcomes the proposed changes, especially

- The location of adits, drill sites and sumps farther away from water bodies (from 30 meters to 100 meters),
- The requirement of 1 meter of freeboard in all sumps, and
- The requirement of De Beers reporting the activities and results of its Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program by March 31 of each year.

No concerns but two typo errors were identified.

- “condition 55 through 57” rather than “condition 53 through 55” in Item 58, 60, 61, and 62, and
- “Permit” instead of “Licence” in Item 76.



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

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

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