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Re: Draft Water Licence

Dear Mr. Casas,

The Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) has reviewed the draft Water Licence, and would like to provide the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) with the following comments.

The MVLWB made efforts, through the Response Framework and Response Plan, to have De Beers demonstrate that it is using the data derived from its Water Licence monitoring to undertake integrated mine site water management, linking mine site practices to environmental outcomes.

Although some items, such as Water Licence term, security deposit amount, some WQOs and EQCs, and some submission due dates, are not specified, the draft Water Licence is satisfactory.

SLEMA appreciates MVLWB's consideration of some recommendations SLEMA made on October 18, 2011, and further requests MVLWB's consideration of SLEMA recommendations dated December 6, 2011. Detailed comments and recommendations are attached in the comment table.

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



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Weyallon", on a light blue background.

Johnny Weyallon
Chairperson

Attachment: Comment Table