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June 28, 2010

Jason Ash, Environmental Superintendent
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BY E-MAIL

Dear Mr. Ash:

RE: 2008 Environmental Agreement Annual Report

On March 30, 2010, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (the Monitoring Agency) received the 2008 Environmental Agreement Annual Report (the Annual Report) from De Beers Canada Inc. (DBCI). As required under Article X of the Snap Lake Diamond Project Environmental Agreement, DBCI distributed copies of the Annual Report directly to all Parties on April 6, 2010.

Pursuant to Article X, Section 10.1(e) of the Environmental Agreement for the De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project, within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of the Annual Report, any Party or the Monitoring Agency may advise the Minister whether such Annual Report is satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Furthermore, Section 10.1(f) of Article X states that within ninety (90) days of the receipt by the Minister of the Annual Report, the Minister shall advise DBCI whether the Annual Report is satisfactory or whether the Minister has determined that the Annual Report is deficient.

INAC requested that all Parties forward their comments on the Annual Report, indicating whether the report is satisfactory or unsatisfactory, by the week of May 21, 2010 to Lindsey Cymbalisty. The Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GWNT-ENR), the North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA), and the Monitoring Agency have provided written comments (attached). INAC has not received comments from other parties.

Overall, INAC, NSMA, SLEMA, and GNWT-ENR have found the 2008 Annual Report to be satisfactory with regard to the requirements of the Environmental Agreement. To further improve the document, INAC respectfully suggests that references to the original Environmental Assessment Report include page and/or section numbers.

If you have any comments or concerns, please contact Lindsey Cymbalisky by phone (867-669-2586) or e-mail (lindsey.cymbalisky@inac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



Trish Merrithew-Mercredi
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Encl:

Letter from the Monitoring Agency regarding 2008 Annual Report
Letter from GNWT-ENR regarding 2008 Annual Report
Letter from NSMA regarding 2008 Annual Report

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