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Re: Request for Increased Discharge during 2013 Freshet

Dear Mr. Casas,

Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) has reviewed the above Request, and would like to provide the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) with the following comment.

It is understood that after the peak flows of discharge De Beers will return the flows to the normal operating discharge requirements, and to ensure that these changes do not affect the environment, De Beers will continue to monitor the discharge water quality and a full monitoring program will be carried out through this period, at the diffuser stations. After further communication with De Beers via e-mail, it is understood that De Beers will not have to ask for increased discharge in future years, and has investigated various options of water management and treatment.

Based on the above information, SLEMA has no concerns on De Beers request.

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

Sincerely,

Johnny Weyallon Chairperson