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**Subject: De Beers 2012 Environmental Agreement Annual Report**

Dear Mr. Marcinkoski,

Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) has reviewed the 2012 Environmental Agreement Annual Report (EAAR 2012), and would like to provide Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) the following comments.

De Beers drafted the EAAR 2012 in August 2013, and submitted the draft version for initial review. SLEMA made comments for the draft EAAR on October 25. De Beers responded to SLEMA comments on November 21 and officially submitted the EAAR 2012 on December 2.

In general, the EAAR 2012 fulfills the criteria established within the Environmental Agreement.

De Beers requested SLEMA to provide specific examples for improving the EAAR reporting in the response letter dated November 21, 2013. SLEMA staff provided "specific examples" via e-mail on November 27.

*(t)he following items, but not limited to, may be helpful for readers to understand the mine operation, and environmental monitoring, management and performance:*

- photos of the mine site showing the change from previous years to current year, especially the North Pile*
- photos of the wildlife at or near the mine site from wildlife monitoring,*
- figures of water quality of the effluent, the lake and downstream, and figure of air quality and emission over years showing the trend of environmental quality change, etc.*



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SLEMA would like to see these improvements in future submissions of the EAARs.

If you have any questions whatsoever please feel free to contact Philippe di Pizzo at 867-765-0961 / [exec@slema.ca](mailto:exec@slema.ca).

Sincerely,

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

Johnny Weyallon  
Chairperson