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Attention: Parties to the Snap Lake Environmental Agreement (Environmental Agreement)

Dear Sirs/Madam,

As you are aware, the Government of Canada (Canada) will transfer administration and control of Public Lands and rights in respect of water to the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. As part of this transfer, the roles of Canada currently undertaken by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and its Minister under the Environmental Agreement will, as a result of legislative changes, be assumed by the GNWT and its responsible Ministers. In order to reflect this assumption of roles by the GNWT, the Environmental Agreement will need to be amended. Further, in connection with the assumption of those roles by the GNWT, Canada will be requesting a mutual release of Canada from all future rights and obligations it may have had under the Environmental Agreement starting from April 1, 2014.

In a letter dated December 16, 2013 Canada committed to providing to you a draft of the Environmental Agreement detailing the proposed amendments to it for your review and comment. That document is attached for your review, and a hard copy has been sent separately via regular mail. The attached document indicates, in the context of the current Environmental Agreement, what changes Canada and the GNWT are proposing to be made for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. That is, the document provided shows how Canada and the GNWT propose that the Environmental Agreement would read post-devolution.



In order to proceed with the required amendments prior to April 1, 2014, Canada and the GNWT propose the following time line:

- (1) February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – provision to Canada and the GNWT of your comments on the proposed amendments outlined in the attached document.
- (2) February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 –provision by Canada and the GNWT of a draft *Amending and Release Agreement*, which will specifically set out the changes outlined in the attached document, address any comments you might make regarding those changes, and include language releasing Canada as a party to the Environmental Agreement for your consideration.
- (3) February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 –provision by you of any comments which you might have on the *Amending and Release Agreement* to Canada and the GNWT.
- (4) March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - receipt by you for signature of the final version of the Amending and Release Agreement.
- (5) March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 –provision to Canada and the GNWT of signed versions of the *Amending and Release Agreement*.
- (6) April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – *Amending and Release Agreement* becomes effective.

Please respond to me, with a copy to Dr. Ray Case, by February 13, 2014 with any concerns or questions on the proposed amendments outlined in the attached document.

Sincerely,

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**Encl:** Snap Lake Diamond Mine Environmental Agreement – Red underlined and red  
~~strikethrough-text~~ indicates where administrative changes are required for devolution.