



May 5, 2014

Snap Lake Environmental
Monitoring Agency
P.O. Box 95
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3C9

Dear Mr. di Pizzo,

Re: Dedicated Inspector for the Snap Lake Mine

Thank you for expressing your concern with respect to the departure of the Inspector dedicated to the Snap Lake Mine. Prior to his departure Mr. Kramers updated his supervisor, Marty Sanderson on the compliance status of the operation at Snap Lake. Mr Sanderson has taken over responsibility for Inspections of the Snap Lake Mine since that time.

It has not generally been our practice to notify all stakeholders when an Inspector leaves the department though we do expect the departing employee to notify parties that may be impacted by the departure. It is our feeling that Mr. Kramers met this expectation; however, feel free to contact me or Marty Sanderson at any time to discuss file allocation with respect to the Diamond Mines in the Northwest Territories.

We initiated a competition to staff a vacant Resource Management Officer Position early in 2014 and that competition is nearing completion. We are hopeful that we will be able to staff three Inspector positions (RMO III) out of this competition. We expect to complete this competition in the next few weeks and anticipate making job offers no later than the end of May. Until that time our current Inspectors will be expected to complete all required Inspections.

We are well aware of the chloride and total dissolved solids concentrations at the Snap Lake mine as well as the environmental assessment associated with De Beers Water License amendment application. We are monitoring the situation closely and expect additional trips to site will be required in the coming weeks.

The number of Inspection reports for the Snap Lake mine have dropped to a level below what is normally expected at a Diamond Mine in the NWT but we are confident that Mr Kramers was paying close attention to the activities on site and having very regular communication with both staff at the Mine Site and staff in the GNWT. Mr. Kramers was also monitoring activities at the Gahcho Kue site which has significantly increased activity at the site. In addition, the department was devolving from the Federal Government to the Government of the Northwest Territories which decreased the Inspectors ability to devote his full attention to the Snap Lake site. We will do our best to



make up for the reduced number of Inspections in the coming months and we will plan on attending the next SLEMA Board meeting on June 10th.

As I stated earlier if you have questions or concerns at any time please feel free to contact either Marty Sanderson Marty_Sanderson@gov.nt.ca (867) 765-6655 or myself at Scott_Stewart@gov.nt.ca (867) 765-6658. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Scott Stewart
Regional Superintendent
North Slave Region

cc. Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board