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*Be as specific as you*

*think is appropriate; for example a section or page of the document, a recommendation #,*

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Part A. Scope and Definitions

SLEMA discussed the issue of TDS calculated vs. measured on March 6, 2015 (<http://www.slema.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/2010306-Letter-to-MVLWB-on-Information-Request.pdf>). It is noted that TDS is not well defined in the Water Licence, except Annex A, Part D, Item 2 a), which reads as follows: "(F)or the purposes of reporting the whole lake average TDS, calculated TDS concentrations (*i.e.* calculated based on ionic constituent concentrations) shall be used". TDS calculated is great for management purpose, because it is directly related to the mine impacts. TDS measured may be better while compared with Drinking Water Guideline aesthetic objective (500 mg/L).

It is recommended that the MVLWB clearly define TDS in Part A. Scope and Definitions, and require De Beers to report both TDS calculated and TDS measured for SNP 02-15, SNP 02-17B, SNP 02-18 and SNP 02-20, in Annex A.

Part I. Conditions Applying to Closure and Reclamation	Suggestion 2 of EA1314-02 is not reflected in conditions set out in the Water Licence.	It is recommended that the MVLWB add related conditions into Part I. Conditions Applying to Closure and Reclamation. Suggestion 2 of EA 01-0004 reads as follows: The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board should set closure objectives and criteria that ensure drinking water quality in Snap Lake achieves the Health Canada Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality aesthetic objective for TDS in drinking water within five years of the end of mining operations.
Annex A	There is a typo in page 67 of 74. It should be <u>Part D</u> . Reporting Requirements.	