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RE: Update on Incinerator Adaptive Management at the Snap Lake Mine

Dear Aileen,

The Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) acknowledges receipt of the October 14, 2015 letter from Diep Duong at its last Core Group meeting of October 15, 2015.

Diep Duong's letter was in response to a letter dated June 29, 2015 from SLEMA to De Beers, expressing concerns about the Snap Lake Incinerators and their failure to meet the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Canada-Wide Standards (CWS) on Dioxins and Furans, as evidenced by data obtained from the 2014 stack testing and subsequently reported in the 2014 Snap Lake Incinerator Stack Testing Report submitted on January 29, 2015 by De Beers Canada to Environment Canada and the Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories.

The SLEMA Core Group is satisfied that the Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to developing a legislative framework for air emissions in the NWT in general, as well as regulatory tools for emissions from incinerators in particular. SLEMA is looking forward to see some concrete action on this initiative.

We are also pleased by the steps taken by De Beers to address possible operational and management issues with the two incinerators, its commitment to work cooperatively with ENR and EC to address the matter, and its agreement to provide incinerator temperature data to both levels of government every six months.

In light of its mandate under Section 4.2 of the Snap Lake Environmental Agreement, SLEMA is hereby requesting to be copied on all temperature and other data submitted by De Beers that have been submitted to date on the



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incinerators' performance, as well as any new data that will be submitted as part of its commitment to address air emissions from the incinerators.

Please contact the undersigned or the SLEMA office should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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