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Subject: De Beers 2014 Environmental Agreement Annual Report

Dear Ms. Wendt,

Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) has reviewed the 2014 Environmental Agreement Annual Report (EAAR 2014), and would like to provide the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) the following comments.

De Beers submitted the draft EAAR 2014 on January 11, 2016. SLEMA reviewed the draft EAAR 2014 and provided comments via e-mail on February 16, 2016. De Beers made related revisions and submitted the official report with aboriginal language summary on March 4, 2016.

SLEMA requested improvements in the description of compliance issues, responses to public concerns and report presentation. In response to SLEMA's comments, De Beers made the following revisions in the official submission.

- De Beers added three sub-sections into Section 5 Summary of Compliance.
 - Sub-section 5.1 AEMP Action Level Responses Triggered in 2014
 - Sub-section 5.2 SNP Exceedance of Average Monthly Limit – Chloride
 - Sub-section 5.3 Waste Licence Exceedances at SNP 02-16i
- De Beers added responses to public concerns in Section 8 Summary of Public Concerns.
- De Beers added the figures of 2014 Windspeed and Rainfall, 2014 Annual Average Total Suspended Particulate, Sulphur Dioxide and Nitrogen



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Dioxide, Location of Dustfall and Meteorological Stations, and Wolverine Hair Snagging Stations into Section 4 2014 Report Submissions.

- De Beers replaced five pages of site photos without explanation with four photos showing the North Pile from 2011 to 2014, in Appendix A: Photographs.

De Beers adequately summarized the monitoring activities and results for 2014, and improved the report presentation. SLEMA believes the EAAR 2014 is satisfactory.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Arnold Enge'.

Arnold Enge
Chairperson