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File: Environmental Agreement

May 19, 2017

Re: Annual Reporting Required by the Environmental Agreement

Dear Mr. Whitaker,

Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) has reviewed the following 2016 annual reports required by the Environmental Agreement.

- Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program 2016 Annual Report,
- Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan 2016 Annual Report,
- 2016 Vegetation Monitoring Program Annual Report, and
- Air Quality Meteorological Monitoring and Emissions Reporting 2016 Annual Report.

SLEMA does not have any concerns but would like to see more data consistency between reports.

- Data consistency is requested for the area disturbed.
 - Total area disturbed (vegetation loss) in the Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan 2016 Annual Report (2016 WWHPP) is 195.1 ha (Table 2-2, 2013 satellite image and 2007 esker quarry survey).
 - 192.6 ha within the Local Study Area (LSA) and 2.5 ha within the Regional Study Area (RSA).



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- In the 2016 Vegetation Monitoring Program Annual Report (2016 VMP), the area disturbed is 194.9 ha in 2013 (page 14).
 - 192.4 ha within the LSA and 2.5 ha within the RSA.
- The 2016 VMP further, in page 14, describes the more disturbed area associated with the West Cell construction (4.2 ha), which is not presented in the 2016 WWHPP.
 - Consistency is also requested.

SLEMA hopes De Beers could improve data consistency within a report and between reports in future submissions.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Marlowe', on a light-colored background.

James Marlowe
Chairperson