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File: Snap Lake Mine

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## **Re: Inspection Reporting in 2017**

Dear Mr. Sanderson,

The Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) has identified an administrative issue with the reporting of inspections conducted at the Snap Lake Mine in the past six months.

SLEMA noted it did not receive reports from the Inspector for inspections dated May 25 and 31, as well as July 6, 2017, as indicated in De Beers SNP Monthly Reports, and could not find them in the Public Registry.

It was confirmed that the Inspector was focused on dealing with emergency discharge and bringing the Snap Lake Mine back into compliance while still being responsible for actively inspecting another mine, and he did not complete formal inspection reports for the three dates before he resigned. We acknowledge these were unexpected events that resulted in a gap in reporting.

However, we want to avoid this type of gap in reporting which also occurred between December 2013 to March 2014 due to staff turnover.



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In the future, SLEMA respectfully request that should the Inspector not be able to submit a report because of exceptional circumstances, the Department should endeavor to meet with our staff for a verbal debriefing, since SLEMA rely to a considerable extent on reports from your Department to fulfill its mandate as an independent monitoring agency that has no inspection capability or mandate.

If you have any questions whatsoever please feel free to contact SLEMA at 867-765-0961 or [exec@slema.ca](mailto:exec@slema.ca).

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

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