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Ref: Review of Snap Lake Environmental Agreement Additional Security Deposit

Dear Lee Ann:

On August 3, 2018, the department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) informed the commencement of a review of the Additional Security Deposit (ASD) held under the Snap Lake Environmental Agreement (the Agreement), as requested by De Beers in a letter dated August 14, 2018.

Further to that, on October 19, 2018 ENR submitted an email with the following: a *work plan* that describes the overall ASD review process and a draft of the *Additional Security Deposit (ASD) desktop review*.

The draft of the *ASD desktop review* provides an estimate of the ASD based on the obligations established in the Agreement and not included in either the Land Use Permits or the Water Licence. The review estimates an amount of \$16 million (rounded) for all De Beers' ASD related responsibilities and demonstrates that "*Snap Lake mine is over secured, which would result in return of ASD funds and no requirement for the final installment of \$3.5 million in 2019*".

Please, be informed that the Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) has reviewed the documents and supports these conclusions.

Please contact me or Sonia Aredes, SLEMA's Environmental Analyst, should you have questions or concerns.



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Best regards,

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