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Date: September 5, 2014

To: *Chief Louis Balsillie, Denina Kue First Nation*

Fax No: *867-394-5122*

This fax contains 4 pages, including the cover sheet.

From: Tanya Lantz, Executive Secretary

Subject: Snap Lake Report of Environmental Assessment

Please see attached letter.

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Chief Louis Balsillie
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Dear Chief Balsillie:

Invitation to Advise on the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the Proposed Amendment to Snap Lake Diamond Mine Water Licence MV2011L2-0004 (File: EA1314-02)

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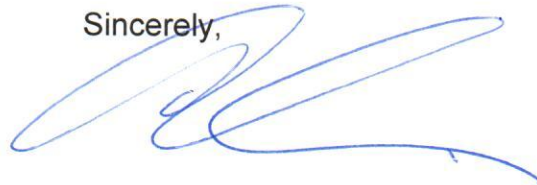
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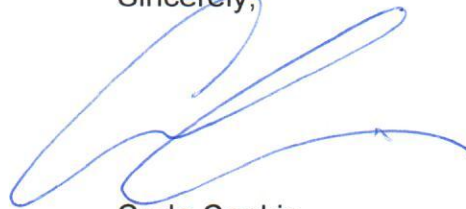


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Chief Ernest Betsina
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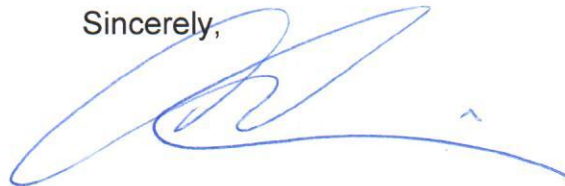
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Bill Enge
President, North Slave Métis Alliance
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Dear President Enge:

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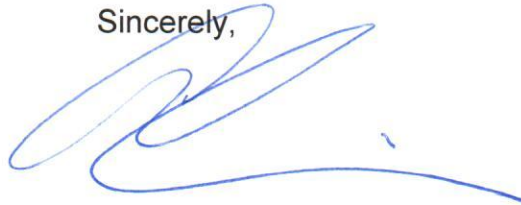
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Garry Bailey
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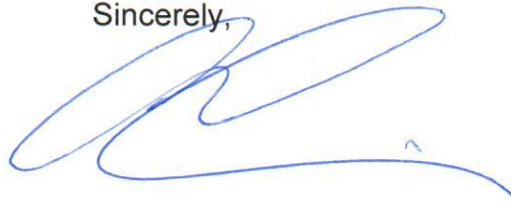
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Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus
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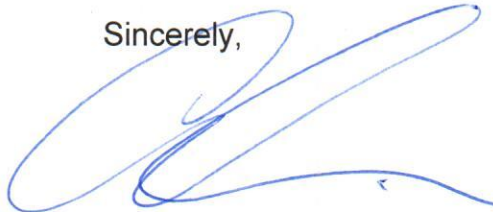
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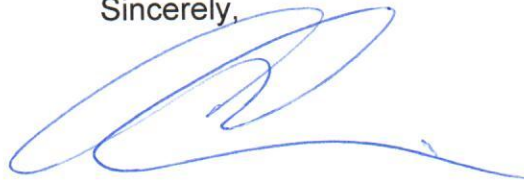


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