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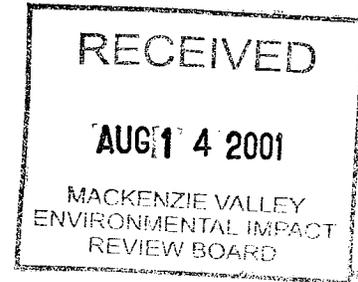


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Mr. Gordon Lennie  
Chair  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact  
Review Board  
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Dear Mr. Lennie:

Thank you for your letter of May 22, 2001, regarding the consultation on the Environmental Assessment Report for BHP Diamonds Inc. proposed development of the Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Pipes.

I will consider the issues raised in your letter in the context of consultations with the Review Board, and I thank you for clarifying the Board's intentions with respect to its recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Nault, P.C., M.P.