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**Subject:** FW: Snap Lake IR

**This Information Request from the World Wildlife Fund is being forwarded to you. The Review Board will consolidate all Information Requests from all directly affected parties and interveners and distribute the IR's it chooses to issue under its authority.**

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I have attached the cover letter and IR from WWF. Thanks for providing a clear structure and guideline for the IR and other components of the Snap Lake EA. I am out of the office for the remainder of the day and tomorrow (Friday), but I will be back in the office on Monday April 15th should you suggest changes to ensure that the IR meets submission standards.

You have passed along a concern regarding the WWF Information Request (IR) that the rationale for the IR is not clearly stated, preferably in the form of a question. I have attempted to break down the rationale in the text of this E-mail. Please advise if WWF needs to re-submit the IR with the additional text.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) asks for "... an informed view of "ecologically representative areas" in the ecoregion as described in the NWT Protected Areas Strategy." The appropriate question to ask that takes the broadest interpretation of this aspect of the ToR would be: "What size and configuration of protected areas would adequately represent the ecological diversity of the ecoregion?"

De Beers could legitimately respond that that such a question can only be answered through a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder conservation planning process. As a result, there is a need to focus the question to be relevant to the regulatory process. This could be phrased as:

"What impacts will the De Beers Snap Lake Diamond Project have on options to complete a network of ecologically representative areas? Specific questions to pursue in answering this question are:

1. "Is there an adequate network of existing ecologically representative areas?"
  - 1.1 YES - "Will the Project impact the integrity of the network?"

1.2 NO - Go to 2.

2. "Are there existing candidates that have been identified to complete a network of ecologically representative areas?"

2.1 YES - "Will the Project impact the integrity of the network?"

2.2 NO - Go to 3.

3. "Does the Project impact on options to complete a network of ecologically representative areas?"

3.1 - "Is there an existing classification of ecological diversity for the affected ecoregion?"

3.2 - "What elements of ecological diversity are directly and/or indirectly affected by the Project?"

3.3 - "Is the level of impact on the affected element of ecological diversity high enough to eliminate remaining options to represent the element in a network of ecologically representative areas, for example, by an analysis of 'rarity' (limited range) or threat (existing degree of fragmentation)?"

Cheers,

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