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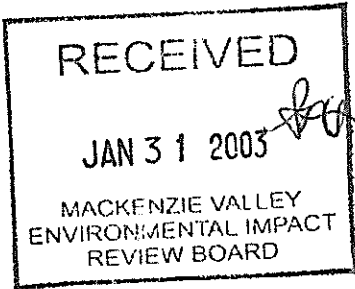
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH RWED TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ISSUES AND 2003 WILDLIFE MONITORING.

At the Snap Lake Diamond Project Technical Sessions held in Nov/Dec 2002, De Beers noted its commitment to working with intervenors, including RWED, to resolve as many outstanding technical issues as possible prior to submission of Technical Reports or the Public Hearings.

De Beers proposed a meeting for January 29th or 30th, 2003 with RWED to discuss several outstanding technical issues but did not receive confirmation of interest in a meeting. De Beers proposes a meeting with RWED on February 5th to discuss the following issues:



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Caribou

- Baseline data and analysis with respect to degree of confidence in impact predictions for changes to movement and behaviour
- Lack of variance associated with baseline data
- Incorporation of resilience in determining environmental consequence (significance of effects)
- Timing and number of aerial surveys for 2003 monitoring program
- Mitigation for impacts to caribou

Grizzly bears

- Predicted zone of influence from the Snap Lake Diamond Project on grizzly bears
- Expected number of bears killed per year over the duration of the life of the mine
- Differential effects of the mine on habitat use, movement and abundance of female and male bears
- Review of 2003 monitoring protocols
- Mitigation for impacts to grizzly bears

Wolverines

- Baseline data and mitigation with respect to degree of confidence in impact predictions for changes to movement, behaviour and abundance
- Estimated density of wolverines in the regional study area in relation to impact predictions
- Mortality of wolverines from other sources in the Slave Geological Province (e.g., hunting camps) with respect to analysis of cumulative effects
- Methods for monitoring wolverines in 2003
- Mitigation for impacts to wolverines

General

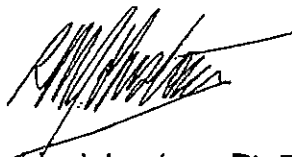
- Wildlife deterrant plan

De Beers is particularly interested in hearing RWED's recommendations for mitigation measures, proposed monitoring methods, and their comments on a general wildlife deterrant plan. De Beers understands that Biologist Anne Gunn is not presently available for a meeting, but would like to request a future meeting at a convenient time.

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In closing, De Beers reaffirms its interest in working with RWED to resolve technical issues and considers that the proposed meeting would be useful in achieving this goal. We hope that RWED personnel are available to discuss their issues. Please contact the undersigned to arrange a meeting at 867-766-7322.

Regards,



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