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Subject: FW: Meeting Notes and Technical Reports - Snap Lake

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The first part of this message and accompanying attachments were sent out on Friday afternoon, but for some reason did not leave our server.

Please find attached:

- 1) Meeting notes from the Process Meeting held on January 29, 2003 in the MVEIRB Boardroom; and,
- 2) Revised summary notes from the Nov 25 to Dec 6 Snap Lake Technical Sessions. All comments received to date were incorporated into this document by GeoNorth. Changes to the document, as a result of the comments, are shown in "tracking mode" and are colour coded to show which party the comments came from. Any further comments on the summary notes can be placed on the public registry.

Technical Reports:

- Reports are due Friday, February 14, 2003. Please let me know, if we should expect a report from you on February 14
- All of you should have previously received (from Louie) a template for the Technical Reports that we are expecting you to use. Please let me know if you do not have this, and I will forward this to you as soon as possible.
- Please e-mail your reports to the entire Snap Lake Email Distribution List, which you can easily access by "replying to all" on this message - this will help to eliminate delays in receiving the reports. Review Board staff will reply to your email confirming that it was received, and if you do not receive confirmation within an hour or two of sending the email, please

notify me ASAP 766-7053 Review Board staff will also keep track of the reports that are sent, and will forward reports to those that do not have access to e-mail.

- As discussed at the January 29, 2003 meeting, please attach a summary cover page to your report. This summary should be **no more than one page**, and should outline your issues in **plain language**, such that it is appropriate for the communities and any other non-technical readers. There is no specific format for this summary; however, we suggest that you link each issue with the main text of the report (either through Section # or page #) and the applicable Terms of Reference line number. These summaries will also be used for the pre-hearing conference.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (867) 766-7053. :

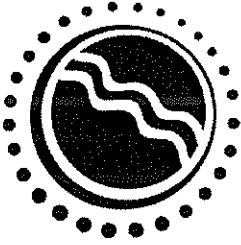
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Meeting Notes
January 29, 2003 Process Meeting
De Beers Snap Lake Environmental Assessment Project

Notes prepared on February 7, 2003

1. Introductions

- Purpose of the meeting is to review the progress on the De Beers EA to date and to discuss the next steps in the EA process
- Louie Azzolini resigned from the MVEIRB in mid-January, and Glenda Fratton of Gartner Lee will now be the primary contact for the De Beers project, as the De Beers Snap Lake Environmental Assessment Coordinator. Louie will remain on the project as a process advisor to Gartner Lee. Alan Ehrlich, Acting Manager of EIA for the MVEIRB will oversee Gartner Lee's work
- Concerns were raised over Gartner Lee's role in the EA process, given their new role in coordinating the project as well as their role as technical experts to the MVEIRB
- Gartner Lee has unresolved issues from the technical sessions – how will these be resolved? Will Gartner Lee be able to participate in meetings to resolve issues?
- A commitment was made to explain in writing, Gartner Lee's roles in the EA process to date, and throughout the remainder of the EA.

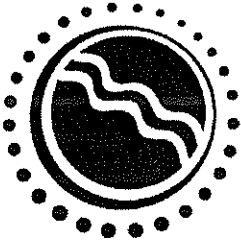
2. Review of EA to Date

- To date, the following steps have been taken in the EA Process:
 - Terms of Reference issued
 - Information Requests (IRs)
 - Analysis of IRs
 - Technical Sessions
- The technical sessions will feed into the technical reports which will provide conclusions from which the public hearings will be based

3. Next Steps in EA Process

Technical Reports

- Technical reports are due on February 14, 2002
- Board staff are requesting that a non-technical plain language summary of issues be included on the cover of the technical reports. The intent is to ensure that the summaries are appropriate for the communities to understand
- It was suggested that on February 14 (or earlier), all parties should send their technical reports via email to the MVEIRB distribution list. This will maximize the amount of review time that each of the parties will have to review the reports. Board staff will fax the reports to those that do not have email
- Board staff are to send out confirmation of this technical report submission procedure



Pre-hearing Conference

- Pre-hearing conference will be held on Friday, February 28, 2003
- Concerns were raised regarding the change in date of the PHC, and the lack of time between the technical reports and the PHC
- Board staff to confirm if the PHC will be 1 or 2 days
- Procedures of the PHC were discussed. Board staff committed to clarifying the purpose and procedures of the PHC and forwarding this information to the parties prior to the PHC.

Public Hearing

- Public Hearing will be held from March 24 to 28, 2003 (with possibility of an additional day on March 31st), likely at the Explorer Hotel
- Concerns were raised over the length of time for the hearing (too short and too long)
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation suggested having the hearing at the Ndilo Gym as opposed to the Explorer Hotel
- Several meeting participants suggested assigning issues/topics to particular days
- It was noted that Caribou Carnival starts on the last day of the hearings
- The date for the last day to file information to go forward to the hearing was discussed – Board staff to confirm this date
- Public hearing is currently planned to occur only in Yellowknife. Lutsel K'e previously requested community workshops to occur in Lutsel K'e, and Board staff are following up on this
- De Beers stated that they would consider visiting Lutsel K'e

4. Other

- De Beers indicated that they are currently prioritizing the commitments recorded at the technical sessions, and will, where possible, provide information prior to the technical reports
- Parties have not yet heard reasons for refusal of Information Requests – Board staff indicated that a letter is being prepared for the public registry
- Questioning as to why there were no aboriginal participants at a meeting regarding report templates held on Nov 21, 2001 – Board staff are looking into this.
- Review Board was asked if their internal reports will be released – The Board will be making a decision on this soon.