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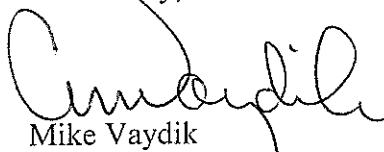
Dear Mr. Azzolini:

The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines desires intervenor status in the upcoming environmental assessment of the proposed De Beers Snap Lake development.

The Chamber may choose to provide input into all phases of the review including, but not limited to, technical, historical and legal aspects related to water licensing and environmental review and all aspects relating to socio-economic implications of the project.

The NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines has existed for over thirty years and is recognised as the voice of the northern mining industry. It has over 600 members representing all facets of the industry, from producing mines to individual prospectors to companies servicing the industry. We believe that the Chamber can provide an important viewpoint in the upcoming review.

Yours truly,


Mike Vaydik
General Manager