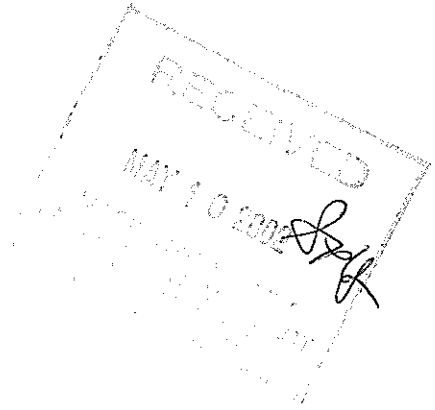


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*Louie,*

*Please see attached.*

*Robin*

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May 9, 2002

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Attention: Vern Christiansen

Dear Mr. Christiansen:

**SUBJECT: Conformity Decision on the Environmental Assessment submitted by De Beers for the Snap Lake Diamond Project.**

Further to your letter of April 26, 2002, we are seeking clarification on the implication of this decision for the timetable and process for the Board's assessment of this EA.

It is our understanding that the conformity phase remains open until the Board is satisfied shortcoming has been met. We assume this means that the phase is open only for the purpose of affording De Beers the opportunity to perfect the identified issues of non-conformity. Given that parties to the process had opportunity to make submissions on the EA's conformity with the Board's Terms of Reference and that the Board arrived at its decision after due consideration of these submissions, we assume that the Board would not entertain additional interventions on this topic. Would you kindly confirm that this is the case and that the matters referred to in your April 26th letter represent all of the issues De Beers must address in order to conform with the Board's Terms of Reference issued for the Snap Lake Project?



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Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Johnstone", is positioned above the typed name.

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