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DATE: August 20, 2003

TO/A:

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MESSAGE:

Sherry, Here is our identification of roles. I'd like to point out for all diamond exploration projects undergoing environmental assessment (EA) in the Wool and Drybones Bays, DFO does not anticipate being a regulatory authority but depending on the results of the EAs, DFO may change its position and require authorization(s).

I do not believe changing our role later in the process will affect the outcome of the EAs or our review and treatment of the information provided by the developers. If you would like to discuss this further, please call me at 669-4912.

Sincerely,
Elaine Blais

FROM/DE:

Name Nom	Elaine Blais, Area Habitat Biologist
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Identification of Environmental Assessment Roles

Review Board File: EA-03-006 Snowfield Development Corp.'s Diamond Exploration at Drybones Bay

Please read the Review Board's *Rules of Procedure for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings (RoP)* and Section 111 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)* prior to completing this form.

Snowfield Development Corp. does not have to respond as the developer is automatically afforded status as a Directly Affected Party. Consultants retained by the Review Board will automatically be afforded status as Specialist Advisors.

If there are any questions, please contact Sherry Sian, Environmental Assessment Officer, at (867) 766-7063 or ssian@mveirb.ul.ca.

Please e-mail or fax (867-766-7074) the completed form to Sherry Sian by Wednesday, August 20th.

Section 1 – Designated Regulatory Agency

Please indicate whether or not your agency is a Designated Regulatory Agency in accordance with s.111 of the *MVRMA*.

Designated Regulatory Agency Status: Yes No

If yes, please describe the license(s), permit(s) or other authorization(s) required from your agency for this development to proceed.

Section 2 – Regulatory Authority

Please indicate whether or not your department or agency is a Regulatory Authority in accordance with s.111 of the *MVRMA*.

Regulatory Authority Status: Yes No

If yes, please describe the license(s), permit(s) or other authorization(s) required from your department or agency for this development to proceed under any federal or territorial law.

Section 3 - Responsible Minister

Please indicate whether or not your department is a Responsible Minister in accordance with s.111 of the *MVKMA*. Note that it is not necessary to issue a license, permit or other authorization to be classified as a Responsible Minister.

Responsible Minister Status:

 Yes No

If yes, please describe your jurisdiction in relation to the development under federal or territorial law.

"Fisheries Act"

Section 4 - Rules of Procedure Classifications

Please select one of the classifications listed below that indicate the status that you or your department, agency or organization are requesting in this environmental assessment before the Review Board. Do not select more than one classification. See Note 1 at the end of the form.

- Directly Affected Party (proceed to Section 5)
 Intervener (proceed to Section 6)
 Member of the Public (proceed to Section 7)
 None of the Above (proceed to Section 8)

Section 5 - Directly Affected Party

Please describe your eligibility and reason for requesting status as a Directly Affected Party, the role that you intend to play in this EA and the information that you anticipate submitting to the Review Board (i.e. general comments, information requests, technical reviews). Proceed to Section 8 after completing this section.

DFO will conduct a technical review, may provide general comments on process, and may request additional information to ensure responsibilities + obligations under the "Fisheries Act" are met.

Section 6 - Intervener

Please describe your reason for requesting status as an Intervener, the role that you intend to play in this EA and the information that you anticipate submitting to the Review Board (i.e. general comments, information requests, technical reviews). Proceed to Section 8 after completing this section.

Section 7 – Member of the Public

Please describe your reason for requesting status as a Member of the Public, the role that you intend to play in this EA and the information that you anticipate submitting to the Review Board.

Section 8 – Contact Information

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Date: August 19, 2003
Signature: Elaine Blais

Note 1:

There is no difference between the rights or obligations associated with the classifications of Directly Affected Party or Intervener. The two groups are together referred to as Parties in the Rules of Procedure. As such, there is no need to request status under both classifications.

An important distinction between a Member of the Public and the other two classifications is that a Member of the Public cannot issue or receive information requests or be cross-examined on evidence provided to the Review Board.