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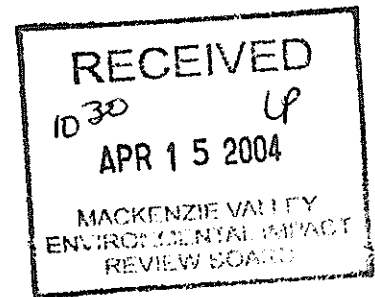
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Mr. Todd Burlingame,  
Chair  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

On behalf of the Responsible Ministers with jurisdiction related to this development, thank you for providing us with the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Snowfield Development Corporation's Diamond Exploration Program, dated February 26, 2004.

Pursuant to section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the report is currently being reviewed by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Responsible Ministers. I expect that we will be responding to the report shortly.

Sincerely,

Andy Mitchell

c.c.: The Honourable Geoff Regan, PC, MP  
The Honourable David Anderson, PC, MP  
The Honourable Brendan Bell, MLA