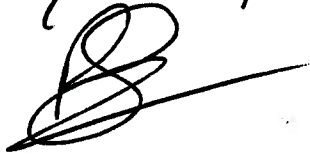


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**Mackenzie Valley
Environmental Impact Review Board
ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT SITE VISIT**

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) will be undertaking a site visit on Tuesday, July 06, 1999 to BHP's Ekati mine site as part of its environmental assessment of BHP's proposal for the development of the Beartooth, Pigeon and Sable kimberlite pipes.

This development has been referred to an environmental assessment under Section 125 (1) (b) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* by the NWT Water Board in Yellowknife.

During the same day, the Board will also undertake a visit to Diavik Diamond Ltd.'s development site on lac de Gras.

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