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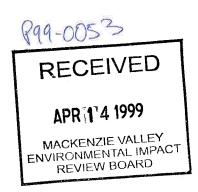
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Ms. Heidi Klein **Executive Director** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board P.O. Box 938 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7



Dear Ms. Klein:

Notification of New Water Licence Application - BHP Diamonds Inc. Re: Development of Beartooth, Pigeon and Sable Kimberlite Pipes

As per Section 124(1) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA), I am writing to advise you that on behalf of the Northwest Territories Water Board, this Department is commencing a preliminary screening of the above mentioned water licence application. It is anticipated that a preliminary screening decision be provided to you in the near future.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at (867)669-2658.

Sincerely

A/Head, Regulatory Approvals

Water Resources Division

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