

**Subject:** Government expert input on the BHP development

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Attached is a letter summarizing government's input to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) request for comments regarding the submitted development description for the Beartooth, Pigeon and Sable kimberlite pipe development proposal Development Description.

Below is a summary of the Review Board's work plan milestones. We are now in phase two and are drafting terms of reference for the BHP environmental assessment and intend to have a meeting of government experts to consider them before they are brought before the Review Board. Community and public consultations are on-going.

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## **Environmental Assessment Milestones**

### **1.0 Phase One**

1.1 Start-up (complete)

1.2 BHP and MVEIRB public and government Pre-consultation - July to September 1999 (on-going)

1.3 Development description comments - July and August 1999 (complete)

### **2.0 Phase Two**

Environmental assessment terms of reference - September to November 1999 (preparing draft terms of reference)

### **3.0 Phase Three**

Consideration of the environmental assessments - (5 months from the Review Board accepting the EA from BHP)


### **4.0 Phase Four**


Review Board's Report of environmental assessment and reasons for decision - (2 months)

Sincerely,



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