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File: Water Licence MV2001L2-0002

March 5, 2009

Re: Review of De Beers Request for Extension to Temporary Ammonia Nitrate Storage at the Snap Lake Mine

Dear Mr. Ash,

The Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) has completed a review of the above request.

SLEMA appreciates the efforts De Beers taken to try to meet the authorization deadline of February 16, 2009, and will support the extension request with conditions:

- De Beers sticks to its commitments made in its request, and
- De Beers continues to adequately monitoring the ammonia nitrate loading and its impacts on the environment.

It is noted that the request was made on February 12, 2009, very close to the expiry date. It is also noted that Snap Lake Mine's land use permit (MV2001C0012) will be expired on May 4, 2009. It is recommended that De Beers improve their planning of extension requests for licences and permits, and prevent from un-necessary non-compliance.

Sincerely,

Johnny Weyallon
Chairperson

cc: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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