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Ms. Sarah Baines
Regulatory Officer
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
P.O. Box 2130
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Dear Ms. Baines:

**Re: Annual Reports for Water Licences N7L2-1616, MV2002L2-0008,
MV2001L2-0004; MV2002L2-0002; MV2002L2-0003**

BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. would like to request a one month extension to the March 31, 2005 due date for submission of the annual reports for the above noted water licenses. The final draft version of the report has been completed, but requires senior management review before it goes is finalized and distributed.

As arranged previously, we will deliver 6 bound paper copies, one unbound copy and 20 CDs to the MVLWB.

Thank you for considering this request. Should you have any questions please contact the undersigned at (867) 880-2232.

Yours truly,
BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Brent Murphy".

R. Brent Murphy, M.Sc., P. Geol.,
Chief Environment Officer-Operations

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