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Dear Sir/Madame:

Land Use Permit/Water License Applications
BHP Diamonds Inc., MV2001L2-0004/MV2001F0032
Sable Road Construction, Ekati Minesite

This letter is to notify reviewers that the Environmental Assessment for the BHP Expansion has been approved by the Minister. Based on that approval, I now require final comments on the Land Use Permit and Water Licence applications for the Sable Road.

Please submit your final comments in writing by **August 24, 2001** quoting Permit and License numbers MV2001F0032/MV2001L2-0004. Should you find that additional time is required to complete further studies or investigations, contact me prior to this date.

I am also enclosing a letter from BHP extending an invitation for potential intervenors in the upcoming hearings for the overall licensing of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth. This meeting does not relate directly to the Sable road, but rather the Class "A" applications, which will soon be under review. Please contact Derek Chubb at (867) 669-6142 if you are interested.

If you have any questions regarding the land use or water license application for the Sable Road, contact me at (867) 669-0506 or email laurie@mvlwb.com

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie Bruno".

Laurie Bruno
Regulatory Officer

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Attention: Laurie Bruno, Regulatory Officer

RE: **Site Visit for Potential Intervenors
Regulatory Licensing for Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth**

Dear Ms. Bruno:

As recently discussed, BHP Diamonds Inc. would like to extend an invitation to interested parties in the regulatory licensing of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth to visit the EKATI™ Diamond Mine. The primary purpose of this visit will be to view the proposed mining areas of Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth.

It is our understanding that the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) is prepared to solicit interest in the said visit. To do so, the MVLWB intends on extending this invitation on behalf of BHP Diamonds Inc. to its' distribution list of government and first nations representatives for the EKATI™ Diamond Mine. We appreciate the assistance of the MVLWB in advance.

We have tentatively scheduled the charter of an aircraft to depart Yellowknife at 8:00am on August 28th return at approximately 5:00pm the same day. In order to firm up the charter booking, we require the names of those that plan on attending. Given that only limited seating is available, we will only be able to accommodate one representative from each of the invited parties.

It would be appreciated if names of those planning on attending be provided no later than Friday, August 20th, 2001. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (867) 669-6142 or Mr. Chris Hanks at (867) 669-6145.

Yours truly,


Derek Chubb
Permitting Coordinator

Mackenzie Valley Land
& Water Board

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