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8200-97-6112

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File

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MV2001L2-0004
Application # MV2001F0032
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Attention: Laurie Bruno

Dear Madam:

Re: File 8200-97-6112, Permit and License Number MV2001F0032/MV2001L2-0004, Application for Diamond Mine Development, Lac de Gras, 300 km NNE of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

We are in receipt of your correspondence dated April 30 and June 1, 2001 requesting comment on the above proposed project.

As noted in a correspondence to BHP Minerals Canada Limited from Mr. Rick McLean dated January 2, 2001 the navigability of the Nero-Nema stream must be determined before we can provide any comment on the work, its interference to navigation and requirements to apply under the Navigable Waters Protection Act. If the waterway is deemed navigable, an application and review under the NWPA will be required. We have not yet been provided the "information/details of the crossing site and any pictures you may have to aid in our decision" requested in the January 2 letter and therefore cannot make a decision or provide further comment at this time.

Should you have any further questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (519) 383-1863.

Yours truly,

Barry Putt
A/Inspections Supervisor
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cc FHM Yellowknife