



Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

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Mr. David Scott
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Dear Mr. Scott:

Receipt of the 2004 Annual Report for the Ekati Diamond Mine

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board acknowledges the receipt of the 2004 Annual Report for the Environmental Agreement and all water licences held by BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. (BHPB). The Annual Report has been filed on the public registry and distributed to the reviewers listed on the standard BHPB distribution list.

If you have any questions contact me at (867) 766-7457 or by email at sbaines@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "SBaines".

Sarah Baines
Regulatory Officer

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