

June 6, 2012

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Mr. Willard Hagen
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
PO Box 2130
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**Re: Snap Lake Mine
Water License Definitions
MV2011L2-004**

Dear Mr. Hagen,

De Beers Canada Inc. would like to clarify for the record two concerns that were not adopted in the finalization of Water License MV2011L2-004.

1.) Clarification is required for Part E: Item 3. b) – the Engineer is responsible for the Geotechnical Inspection Report but not for the Geochemical Inspection Report. The Geoprofessional is responsible for the Geochemical Inspection Report.

2) Definitions:

North Pile: is the long-term storage facility for Waste Rock and Processed Kimberlite. The facility comprises containment embankments and perimeter water control structures designed to store and contain the Processed Kimberlite and other waste materials, as identified in the Consolidated Project Description Figure 3: Snap Lake Diamond Project Overall Site Plan (November 24, 2003)

North Pile Facility: suggested to be removed and only the North Pile definition used.

Paste: is a non-segregating, non-bleeding mixture of all three size fractions of Processed Kimberlite and water. Pumping of this material may stop and restart within a pipe. It has a high solids content compared with Slurry. Cement and/or other additives may be added prior to pumping



from the process plant to the North Pile or underground workings (as backfill).

Slurry: means a mixture of the fines fraction of the Processed Kimberlite and water at a low solids content relative to Paste. It is pumped from the process plant and placed in the North Pile.

Should you have any questions, comments or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 767-8646 or email me at the following address:

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Sincerely,



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As attached.

As always please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards, Alex

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