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Our File: 11.1.1.16
Your File: MV2001L2-0008

February 26th, 2003

Mr. Edward R. Hornby
Land Use Administrator, South Mackenzie District, INAC
#16 Airport Road, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 3T2
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Dear Mr. Hornby,

Subject: BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. Land Application; Acid Alkaline Rock Drainage at Sable, Pigeon, and Beartooth Pipes

The Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation wishes to comment on the above titled referral which was dead-lined by the Mackenzie Land and Water Board for the 21st of February, 2003. Unfortunately, we appear to have only a Xerox copy of the fifth draft of the approval conditions. Could you please copy us on the application in its entirety?

We are anticipating that the applicant has a clear description of the treatment processes, the types of effluent, results of continuous loading, potential drainages, etc. in the information package to come.

Without the additional information from the application or applicant, the community have too questions to feel comfortable with this proposal.

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We believe we have a valid stake in the outcome of this activity, if it proceeds, and would like to insure that our voice is heard at this stage. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,



Howard R. Townsend, Manager
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Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

Cc: Latisha Heilman, Regulatory Officer, MacKenzie Valley Land and Water Board