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File: MV2001L2-0008

Mrs. Jane Howe
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Dear Mrs. Howe:

**Water License Plan Submission and Review
BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. - MV2001L2-0008
Ekati Diamond Mine Submittal of Acid/Alkaline Rock
Drainage (ARD) and Geochemical Characterization
Plans for the Sable, Pigeon, and Beartooth Pipes.**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board) acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated January 15, 2003 with attached Acid/Alkaline Rock Drainage (ARD) and Geochemical Characterization Plans for the Sable, Pigeon, and Beartooth Pipes as per Part G (2) of Water License MV2001L2-0008.

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board has reviewed the aforementioned document and hereby requests that BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. addresses the attached questions raised by reviewers before the Board can provide approval for this report. If you have any questions, contact Latisha Heilman, Regulatory Officer, at (867) 669-0506 or email mvlwbpermit@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Latisha Heilman".

Latisha Heilman
Regulatory Officer

Attachment: Reviewers questions

Copied to: Ed Hornby, South Mackenzie District, DIAND, Yellowknife
David Milburn, Water Resources Division, DIAND