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January 17, 2020

Re: Snap Lake Mine Water License Renewal MV2019L2-0004, Major Mining Project Application wholly or partly in Mᓄwhì Gogha Dè Nìłtłèè.

Dear Ms. Montgomery:

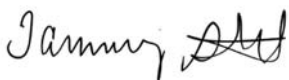
De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) and the Tłıchq Government received your later dated December 18, 2019 regarding the Snap Lake Water License Renewal Application and the Tłıchq Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement (Tłıchq Agreement). The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board) specifically requested that both De Beers and the Tłıchq Government submit evidence to the Board that:

1. De Beers and the Tłıchq Government have entered into an agreement for the Project as contemplated under section 23.4.1 of the Tłıchq Agreement; or
2. Pursuant to section 23.4.2 of the Tłıchq Agreement, De Beers and the Tłıchq Government have agreed that negotiation of an agreement is not required, or, if required, it will be negotiated after the Minister's approval of the License; or
3. Best efforts were made in good faith to conclude a negotiated agreement as contemplated under section 23.4.1 of the Tłıchq Agreement, as well as any evidence of why an agreement was not concluded.

De Beers and the Tłıchq Government have entered into an agreement for the Project. The agreement is the Impact Benefit Agreement signed in 2006. The scope of the Snap Lake Mine Project that is the subject of that IBA includes the proposed water licence renewal and therefore section 23.4.1 of the Tłıchq Agreement is satisfied for purposes of this water licence renewal.

We trust this meets the requirements of the Board,

Regards,



Tammy Steinwand- Deschambeault
Director, Department of Culture and Lands
Protection
Tłıchq Government



Sarah McLean
Environment and Permitting Manager
De Beers Canada Inc.