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File: MV2019L2-0004

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Sent by e-mail

Dear Colleen Prather and Laura Duncan,

Re: Snap Lake Mine – Notice of Major Mining Project Application wholly or partly in Mòwhì Gogha Dè Nìtãèè

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) has received a Renewal Application for Water Licence (Licence) MV2019L2-0004 from De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers). This Application is for the Closure and Reclamation Activities of the Snap Lake Mine (the Project). Pursuant to [Policy Direction of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development](#) regarding Chapter 23.4 of the Tłı́chô Land Claims and Self-Government Agreement (Tłı́chô Agreement), the Board is providing notice because the Application is for a “major mining project”, as defined in the Tłı́chô Agreement.

Before the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources for the Government of the Northwest Territories (Minister) considers a licence recommended for issuance by the Board in response to this Application, both De Beers and the Tłı́chô Government must submit evidence to the Board for the Minister’s consideration that:

1. De Beers and the Tłı́chô Government have entered into an agreement for the Project as contemplated under section 23.4.1 of the Tłı́chô Agreement; or
2. Pursuant to section 23.4.2 of the Tłı́chô Agreement, De Beers and the Tłı́chô 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 Licence; or

3. Best efforts were made in good faith to conclude a negotiated agreement as contemplated under section 23.4.1 of the Tłıchǫ Agreement, as well as any evidence of why an agreement was not concluded.

This evidence shall be submitted to the Board on or before **January 17, 2020**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (867) 766-7457 or email smontgomery@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelagh Montgomery', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shelagh Montgomery
Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

Copied to: Zabey Nevitt, Senior Advisor, Sustainability & Resource Management
Snap Lake Distribution List