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File No: NWB2KIK0405

January 6, 2006

Shirley Standafer-Pfister
DE BEERS CANADA INC.
#300-5102 50th Avenue
Yellowknife NT X1A 3S8

Subject: DE BEERS CANADA INC – Kikerk/Knife Lake Project – Renewal – Type “B”

Dear Ms. Standafer-Pfister:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt of your new application for a Type “B” water license on December 6, 2005, for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling for Kikerk/Knife Lake Project in the Kitikmeot Region. All documents received, and pertaining to the application, can be obtained from our ftp site (<http://ftp.nunavut.ca>) in “nwb / NWB2 EXLPORATION/ NWB2KIK. They include the following:

- cover letter dated December 5, 2005
- water license application form, received (December 6, 2005)
- supplementary questionnaire, received (December 6, 2005)
- project description, received (December 6, 2005)
- application fee, water use fee, received (December 6, 2005)
- MSDS sheets
- Spill Plan
- AR Plan
- CD – DE BEERS CANADA Exploration Safety, Health, Environment System (SHE)

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”). This said, I must inform you that the NWB reserves the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or, alternatively, issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act.

The NWB Technical Advisor Sarah Gagne (867) 873-8948 assigned to your application may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

This application is within an area where there is no land use plan approved in accordance with Part 5 of Article 11 of the NLCA, and is therefore not subject to the requirements of Section 38 (1) to 38 (5) of the Act.

Finally, by copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by your application, we invite interested persons to make representation directly to the NWB **within 30 days from the date of this letter.** Take note that included in the application is a Spill Response Plan as well as an Abandonment and Restoration Plan which require review and comment. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Richard Dwyer
Licensing Trainee

Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: Kitikmeot Distribution List