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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: NWB2KIK

December 5, 2003

DeBeers Canada Exploration Inc.
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Email: Shirley.standaferpfister@ca.debeersgroup.com

Subject: DeBeers Canada Exploration Inc. – NWB2KIK– Kikerk/Knife Lake Project - Renewal

Dear Ms. Standaferpfister:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt of your application for a new water license on November 13, 2003 for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling for the Kikerk/Knife Lake Project, in the Kitikmeot region. The application, a copy of which can be obtained from our ftp site (<http://ftp.nunavut.ca> in “nwb / NWB2 EXPLORATION / NWB2KIK”) consists of the following items:

- cover letter dated November 11, 2003
- application form
- supplementary questionnaire
- executive summary in English and Inuktitut
- maps and photos
- appendices 1A to 5

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.

However, before your application can be processed further by the NWB, and in accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board. **By copy of this letter to NIRB, we are formally asking our sister board to undertake this environmental screening and inform the NWB of its decision. This file was previously screened in April 2001 under file number 01EN024.**

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 representations directly to the NWB **within 45 days from the date of this letter.** The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by NIRB and interested parties.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Licensing Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: Distribution List

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