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Your File: 2BE-BKL0609

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**Re: 2BE-BKL0609 / De Beers Canada Inc. / Baker Lake Exploration Project /  
Kivalliq Region / Amendment Application No. 2**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the application to amend licence 2BE-BKL0609 submitted by De Beers Canada Inc. for its Baker Lake Project. The following advice has been provided pursuant to INAC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSRT) and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act* (DIAND Act).

De Beers Canada Inc. is applying for an amendment to its 2BE-BKL0609 licence to withdraw uranium exploration conditions and camp activities from the Baker Lake Exploration Project. Freshwater will continue to be used for drilling operations. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is supportive of the submitted licence amendment application. However, the following recommendations are offered for the Nunavut Water Board's consideration in its review of this amendment application.

1. The submitted licence amendment application form does not provide any details for Item 3: Location of Undertaking. At a minimum, the applicant should provide general coordinates of the project area, the corresponding National Topographic System codes, and a reference to previously submitted documentation applicable to the location of undertaking. INAC understands that the Baker Lake Project is situated in the Schultz Lake area of the Kivalliq Region, having general coordinates of 64° 06'40' north latitude, 97° 52'30' west longitude.
2. The submitted licence amendment application form does not provide any details for Item 10: Predicted Environmental Impacts of Undertaking and Proposed Mitigation Measures. The proponent should notify the Nunavut Water Board if an environmental impact assessment(s) was conducted for the Baker Lake Exploration Project by the Nunavut Impact Review Board. Additional information on the screening decision and mitigation proposals would be beneficial for the Nunavut Water Board and its interveners. A reference to the NIRB file number and the

corresponding environmental impact assessment decision date should be included in the licence amendment application.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada requests notification of any changes in the proposed project, as further review may be necessary. Please contact me should you have any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing. I can be reached by telephone at (867) 975-4555 or by email at [AbernethyD@inac-ainc.gc.ca](mailto:AbernethyD@inac-ainc.gc.ca).

Regards,

***Original signed by***

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