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North Central Baffin Water Licence Application and Spill Contingency Plan.

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), I have reviewed both the water licence application and the spill contingency plan submitted by De Beers Canada Exploration Inc. with respect to their North Central Baffin exploration camp. I am please to offer the following comments.

With respect to their water licence application, the project is a small, temporary camp with minimal water use and sewage generation. The quantity of water use is below the threshold for a Class B water licence according to the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* regulations. INAC therefore does not believe that a water licence is required for this particular project.

INAC does acknowledge that the quantity of water to be used listed in the proponent's application is for the 2002 field season; a season for which it is specifically mentioned that no exploratory drilling is planned. Since the proponent indicated a multi-year project in the application form, it is possible that in future years the quantity of water used will surpass the licencing threshold should there be significant drilling activity. INAC therefore recommends that the proponent re-apply prior to when drilling activity is scheduled to begin. At that point, the proponent can provided details to the amount of water required due to the drilling activity, which will likely be significantly greater than the current proposed water use.

With respect to water and waste disposal, INAC's concerns will be dealt with in the proponent's Land Use Permit #N2002J0020, for which the application was submitted April 22, 2002. The land use permit will include conditions to keep their sewage and grey water sumps at least 31 m from the high water mark of any stream, to backfill and restore all sumps prior to leaving the site, and to place all non-combustible garbage from the land use in an approved disposal site. We have no concerns with this project as the land use permit will sufficiently regulate the proposed activities.

With respect to the Spill Contingency Plan, we would simply like to indicate that the

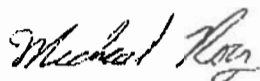
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proponent does not appear to have the phone numbers for Nunavut's (and the Northwest Territories') 24-hour spill hotline or for contacting the INAC inspector.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. In order to assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposals, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project application:

Project Title: <u>De Beers Canada Exploration Inc. for North Central Baffin.</u>	
Proponent: <u>De Beers Canada Exploration Inc.</u>	
Location: <u>North Central Baffin</u>	
Comments Due By: <u>Tuesday, May 29, 2002</u>	NIRB #: <u>02EN080</u>

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:	
no concerns	traditional uses of land
water quality	Inuit harvesting activities
terrain	community involvement and consultation
air quality	local development in the area
wildlife and their habitat	tourism in the area
marine mammals and their habitat	human health issues
birds and their habitat	other: _____
fish and their habitat	_____
heritage resources in area	_____

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?
Proposed activity does not require a water licence per the Regulations of the new Nunavut Waters Act.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☒ No ☐ **Any additional comments?**

Name of person commenting: <u>Paul Smith</u>	of _____
Position: <u>Mgr. Water Resources</u>	Organization: <u>DIAWD</u>
Signature: <u>Paul Smith</u>	Date: <u>May 16/02</u>