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File No: 2BE-PCD0607/GA

November 6, 2007

Ms. Teresa Gillespie De Beers Canada Inc – SHE Division 65 Overlea Boulevard, Suite 300 Toronto ON M4H 1P1

Email: temp.she@ca.debeersgroup.com

Subject: De Beer Canada Inc. - Prince of Wales, Chartrand Lake, Devon Island Project - Renewal

Dear Ms. Gillespie:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt of your application for a renewal license on October 10, 2007 for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling and camp operations for the Prince of Wales, Chartrand Lake, Devon Island Project, in the Kitikmeot & Qikiqtani region. The application, a copy of which can be obtained from our ftp site (http://nunavutwaterboard.org/ftp/ in folder nwb / 2BE Exploration and sub-folder 2BE-PCD) or by contacting our office, consists of the following items:

- cover email dated October 10, 2007
- water license application form, received October 10, 2007
- supplementary questionnaire, received October 10, 2007
- 2 maps, received October 10, 2007
- Appendix to NWB License Application received October 10, 2007
- application fee received November 1, 2007
- OP018 Abandonment & Restoration Plan received October 10, 2007
- RCD XXX Spill Contingency Plan received October 10, 2007
- MSDS Sheets received October 10, 2007
- Inuktitut summary, received October 18, 2007

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.

A NWB Technical Advisor may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

However, before your application can be processed further by the NWB, it is subject to sections 38(1) to 38(5) of the Act and therefore must first be reviewed by the **Nunavut Planning**Commission (NPC) to determine its conformity with an approved land use plan. By copy of this letter to the NPC, we are formally asking our sister board to undertake this determination and inform the NWB of its decision.

Pursuant to Section 13.7.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement this application is of a class that does not require a public hearing, and is therefore exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, as per Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA. We are consequently requesting **NPC to forward the application back to the NWB** when its determination is complete.

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 30 days from the date of this letter. Please note that a Spill Contingency Plan and an Abandonment & Restoration Plan were also received with the application and require review. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing

Enclosure: Notice of Application

cc: Kitikmeot/Qikiqtani Distribution List