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Honourable Chuck Strahl Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada c/o Jeff Holwell Land Administrator Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Iqaluit, NU

Via email: holwellj@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Application Exempt from Screening: De Beers Canada's Prince of Wales Project

Dear Jeff Holwell:

On February 21, 2008, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for De Beers Canada's Prince of Wales Project Proposal. Be advised that this project proposal is exempt from screening as per Schedule 12-1 (5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) which states:

Schedule 12-1 (5):

"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3".

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca or 867-983-4605.

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Yours truly,

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