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Via Email

Re: 2BE-PCD - De Beers Canada Inc. - Prince of Wales, Chartrand Lake, and Devon Island Projects - Licence Application

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) I have reviewed the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to INAC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NW&NSRT), *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* (AWPPA), and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act* (DIAND Act).

De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) has submitted a revised water licence application and spill contingency and abandonment and restoration plans for its Prince of Wales, Chartrand Lake, and Devon Island Projects. Various fly-camps will require the daily use of 0.75 cubic metres of freshwater from local sources for domestic purposes. All wastewater will be directed to natural depressions or sumps positioned at least 30 metres away from the high water mark of any nearby water bodies. Solid and hazardous wastes will be delivered to appropriate treatment facilities as part of abandonment and restoration procedures.

INAC Comments

INAC recommends that the following comments be taken into consideration when reviewing this licence application.

SPILL CONTINGENCY

- The proponent should change the INAC contact in its project-specific spill contingency plans. The correct contact is Peter Kusugak, Manager of Field Operations. Kusugak can be reached by office telephone at (867) 975-4295 and fax at (867) 979-6445.
- INAC recommends that a copy of the Nunavut 24-hour spill response form be included in the spill contingency plans of the Prince of Wales, Chartrand Lake, and Devon Island Projects. This form can be accessed from the <http://ftp.nunavut.ca> website.
- INAC recommends that the spill contingency plans of each project include copies of the applicable Material Safety Data Sheets to ensure that project personnel are familiar with the properties of hazardous materials that are handled as a part of project activities.
- INAC recommends that Board require De Beers provide a spill contingency plan and abandonment and restoration plan for its Chartrand Lake Project.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada requests notification of any changes in the proposed project, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing.

Sincerely,

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