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via Email to: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

**RE: NWB FILE # 2BE-PCD - DE BEERS CANADA INC. – PRINCE OF WALES,
CHARTRAND LAKE AND DEVON ISLAND PROJECT**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the water license renewal application from De Beers Canada Inc. for conducting diamond exploration on the Boothia Peninsula, Price of Wales Island, Devon Island and Cornwallis Island. Based on the *Environmental Protection Act*, DOE has the following comments and recommendations to make regarding spill contingency planning.

SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN:

Based on the Government of Nunavut *Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations* and *A Guide to the Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations*, DOE has following recommendations to make:

- Methodology related to fuel and chemical storage should be described in a spill plan. To prevent spreading in the event of a spill, fuel stored in drums should be located, whenever practical, in a natural depression a minimum distance of 90 feet from all streams, preferably in an area of low permeability.
- All fuel storage containers should be situated in a manner that allows easy access and removal of containers in the event of leaks or spills. Large fuel caches in excess of 20 drums should be inspected daily.
- DOE monitors the movement of hazardous wastes from generators, carriers to receivers, through a tracking document (Waste Manifest). A Waste Manifest must accompany all movements, and all parties must

register with DOE. The registration can be done by contacting Robert Eno at 867-975-7748 or reno@gov.nu.ca. This procedure should also be noted in the spill plan.

We thank NWB for giving us the opportunity to review and provide comments on the De Beers Canada Inc. water license renewal application. Please contact us if you have any further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

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