



August 14, 2014



Your file - Votre référence  
2BE-PCD0812

Our file - Notre référence  
IQALUIT-#831877

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**Re: Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Review of De Beers Canada Inc.  
Application for Water Licence Cancellation 2BE-PCD0812**

Dear Ms. Ikkutisluk,

Thank you for your email of July 16, 2014, concerning the above mentioned water licence cancellation application. A memorandum is provided for the Board's consideration. Comments have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 867-975-4568 or by email at [courtney.cox@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:courtney.cox@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca) for further information.

Sincerely,

**Courtney  
Cox**

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## Memorandum

To: Robin Ikkutisluk, Nunavut Water Board

From: Courtney Cox, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

CC: Murray Ball (AANDC), Erik Allain (AANDC), and Phyllis Beaulieu (NWB)

Date: August 14, 2014

Re: Water Licence Cancellation Application, 2BE-PCD0812

Licensee: De Beers Canada Inc.  
Project: Prince of Whales, Chartrand Lake, and Devon Island  
Regions: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani

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### A. Background

On July 16, 2014 the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB" or "Board") provided notice of an application by De Beers Canada Inc. (the "Licensee") to cancel Type 'B' Water Licence 2BE-PCD0812 for use of water and deposit of waste associated with the Prince of Whales, Chartrand Lake, and Devon Island projects. According to the application, project activities included prospecting, geological mapping, and geophysical surveys. These activities were based out of numerous temporary camps (base and fly camps).

Interested parties were asked to review this application and provide recommendations and/or comments by August 16, 2014.

### B. Results of Review

On behalf of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada ("AANDC"), the following comments and recommendations are provided:

1.	<p><b>Final Inspection of Site</b></p> <p><b>Comment</b> The January 6, 2014 AANDC Water Resource Officer Inspection Report notes that the project area was scheduled for inspection on July 15, 2013. The Officer could not land at the Devon Island Houghton Crater Site (Fly Camp-A, 73°26'00.0 N, 98°51'00.0") because at the time of the intended inspection there were two airplanes on the airstrip. The Officer observed the site from air and identified three crates or boxes (contents unknown) at the location indicated in the licence. The application does not address the ownership of these materials or whether arrangements have been made for their removal (e.g., by agreement with other Proponents operating in the area).</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b> The Licensee should inform the Water Resources Office the contents of the crates or boxes identified near the Devon Island Houghton Crater Site and ensure that they are properly</p>
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	disposed. The licence should be cancelled when a Water Resource Officer provides written confirmation that no compliance issues remain outstanding with the project.
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Prepared by Courtney Cox

