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File No: NWB2ROC0002

October 8, 2002

Ms. Gladys Joudrey Environmental Assessment Officer Nunavut Impact Review Board P.O. Box 2379 Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Subject: De Beers Exploration Inc. – Rockinghorse Project – Request for Screening – Renewal

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for permit renewal on October 2, 2002 from De Beers Canada Exploration Inc. for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling.

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

The application documents are available through the internet on our ftp site at ftp://ftp.nwb.yk.com in the folder "NWB2ROC0002." A copy of De Beers' Archaeological Assessment Report on regional sites, completed in late 2001 is available from the proponent upon request, if you require it for your screening.

If for any reason, the screening process will be less than 45 days, please let our office know immediately so that we can set our deadline for public concerns accordingly.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu A/Licensing Administrator

cc. Shirley Standafer Pfister, De Beers Canada Expl. Inc.