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Ms. Phyllis Beaulieu
Acting Licensing Administrator
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

Re: De Beers - Licence Renewal

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), I have reviewed the renewal application submitted by De Beers Canada Exploration Inc. for the Rockinghorse Property.

As stated in the application, the project is a temporary exploration camp with relatively small water use and waste generation. We request that the existing conditions of the water licence remain and that consistency with the land use permits is considered (INAC #N200C0021, Kitikmeot Inuit Association #KTL301C029). I was unable to locate Appendix 6, the Spill Contingency Plan on the FTP site but note that Michael Roy of our office reviewed the Spill Contingency Plan for a De Beers exploration camp in the North Baffin region. Mr. Roy commented that the contact information required amending to reflect current Nunavut environmental personnel and, assuming that the company has submitted a similar plan for this project, the same comments may apply.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4548 or by e-mail at mcchristiem@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely, *Original signed by:*

Michelle McChristie Kitikmeot/Kivalliq Regional Coordinator

c.c. Water Resources Officer, Iqaluit