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RE: APPLICATION: NEW "CLASS A" LAND-USE PERMIT TO REPLACE #N2000C0021 (Rockinghorse Property)

Please accept this letter and the accompanying application as a formal request for a new Class A Land-Use Permit to replace #N2000C0021, which expires on 12 March 2003. As a ground geophysical programme (preparatory to core drilling) is planned to commence on or about 15 March, timely processing of this application would be much appreciated. A cheque in the amount of \$450.00 is attached to cover application fees and land-access fees for use of up to six hectares of Crown land on the Koamaogaktok/Napaktulik (Rockinghorse) property.

The De Beers Canada Exploration (DBCE) Rockinghorse Project has been ongoing since the mid-1990s; some claims are being allowed to lapse, 34 claims on Crown land have been surveyed in order to be taken to lease and a total of 34 new adjacent claims bordering Napaktulik Lake were staked in November 2001 and will be the focus of a till-sampling programme in summer 2003. Activities planned for spring 2003 include diamond core drilling of up to 8 holes on Crown land and drilling of approximately 10 holes into the *Muskox* kimberlite on IOL land. Drill programmes (between April and May 2003), as well as summer till sampling, will be supported from the existing tent camp located on claim *TL 91* on surface-rights Inuit parcel #CO-05. Although the Project remains mainly air-supported, a temporary push-in trail, proceeding west and north from the Lupin winter road to Rockinghorse camp, may be used twice during the drilling season in order mobilise and demobilise drills.

The accompanying application is comprised of: ⁽¹⁾ An English-language summary page. ⁽²⁾ An Innuinaktun summary page. ⁽³⁾ A completed NIRB application form. ⁽⁴⁾ A completed INAC application form. ⁽⁵⁾ A detailed Project Description (with maps, photos, figures and 11 appendices, as well as a CD-ROM containing the entire DBCE Environmental Management System). Two copies of the EMS are included. Please note that the attached archaeological assessment document (*Appendix 10*) is the final version of a report first submitted to regulators in December 2001.

All original documents are being sent to you by First Air air-velope. Where digital copy is available, those components of the application also can be sent to you digitally, upon request.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Once you have received all associated documents, please contact me if you have any questions.

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