



**Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board**

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Dear Mr. Corrigan:

**Construction of an Ammonia Nitrate Storage Facility**

This letter is in response to your May 1, 2009 letter to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board) requesting the approval of the ammonia nitrate (AN) storage facility.

On November 24, 2003, De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) submitted to the Board a Consolidated Project Description, which stated on page 34, that "a cold storage building with a cement floor to be used for the storage of AN and other raw materials" will be included on-site as part of the facilities of Snap Lake Mine. The Water Licence, MV2002L2-0002, issued on June 4, 2004 included the approval of the Snap Lake site facilities in its scope. Land Use Permit, MV2001C0012, issued with correction on June 1, 2004 and subsequently renewed on April 23, 2009, also included approval of the Snap Lake site facilities in its scope.

At this time, Board staff agrees with the Indian and Northern Affairs Resource Management Officer's letter dated May 8, 2009 that it does not see the need to provide further approval for the AN storage facility. This facility is not a part of the north pile waste rock and processed kimberlite storage facility; it is not a water containment or runoff control structure nor is it a water supply or waste disposal facility. As such, water licence conditions Part D Items 1 and 4 or any condition under Part J do not apply. However, the addition of this facility will have an effect on the Surveillance Network Program and the Ammonia Nitrate Source Control Plan, Part F item 23, and both will need to be updated accordingly as per normal board procedures.

Yours sincerely,

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Jason Ash  
Regulatory Officer

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