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Zabey Nevitt
Executive Director
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Re: Amalgamation of BHPB Water Licences

Dear Zabey

The Agency has received a copy of the federal department's letter dated April 16, 2008 requesting that the Wek'eezhii Land Water Board consider amalgamating BHPB's two water licences for the Ekati diamond mine (MV2003L2-0013 and MV2001L2-0008).

This initiative is consistent with the Agency's position taken during the July 2004 public hearing on the renewal of the main water licence (previously N7L2-1616). The Agency maintains the position today that it would be more effective and efficient to have one water licence to cover the entire mining operation.

We look forward to working with you and the other parties on this water licence renewal.

Sincerely,

- Original Signed By-

Bill Ross
Chairperson

cc. Society Members
Eric Denholm, BHPB

