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MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator 12th Floor, 40 St. Clair Ave. W.
Toronto, ON, M4V 1M2

Phone: 416-327-1434

Re: Supporting documents: DeBeers Victor Diamond Mine,
Certificate of Approvals 8700-783LPK (2008), 4111-7DXKQW, 3960-7Q4K2G

Pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the "Act"), we request the following information:

1. **All annual reporting documents** associated with the subject permits by condition of the approval, dated (a) from 2011 to-date, and (b) if approved, extending forward to the decommissioning of these subject works or, in the alternative, as far forward as the Head is able to pre-authorize;
2. Memo from Ministry of the Environment (MOE) providing **recommendations and action items to proponent** on CofA 3960-7Q4K2G, dated February 28, 2013;
3. Letter Report entitled: **Data Summary and Mercury Monitoring Program, De Beers' Victor Mine – Permit to Take Water, Bedrock Well Field Dewatering** dated November 13, 2007, prepared by AMEC and submitted to the Supervisor, Water Resources, Ministry of the Environment;
4. Report prepared by AMEC and submitted to the District Manager, Ministry of the Environment, entitled: **Terms of Reference Aquatic Environmental Effects Assessment and Biological Monitoring Study for the Receiving Waters of the Attawapiskat River**, as per Condition 6(16) of Certificate of Approval No. 8700-783LPK, dated March 2008;
5. Technical Memoranda from HClasca Denver, Inc. to SRK Consulting, dated (a) June 27, 2008 and (b) July 17, 2008;
6. AMEC letter to Mr. Mohamed Dhalla, P.Eng., Supervisor, Water and Wastewater, Ministry of the Environment documenting **"Follow-up on Outstanding Items Relating to the Proposed Processed Kimberlite Containment (PKC) Facility Operation – De Beers Victor Mine – MOE Reference Number 1650-75VQRQ, Dated August 16, 2007"**, dated October 25, 2007; and

7. AMEC letter to Mr. Mansoor Mahmood, P.Eng., Ministry of the Environment documenting "**Comments on the Draft Certificate of Approval**", dated November 19, 2007.

The public must have the means to ensure the protection of the natural environment, and to assure itself that the government is taking appropriate steps to protect the natural environment. The *Environmental Bill of Rights* confirms all of these rights. The information requested is necessary in order to advance these rights, and the request is therefore in the public interest.

Access to the government-held information requested is crucial to informed public scrutiny of resource management in Ontario. There is clear evidence that ecological health has a profound impact on public health. Mining operations, for example, can directly impact air, soil, and water quality, as well as climate and recreational opportunities. Therefore, in accordance with section 57(4)(c) of the *Act*, we request that all additional fees associated with the request be waived. The records requested are clearly in the public interest and relate to human health and the environment.

Pursuant to the *Act*, we request that the filing fee of \$5.00 be charged to our Mastercard: #5525 9432 4000 8702, exp 02/15. Since we consider that this request is a matter of some urgency, we trust that the thirty-day time frame to complete this request will be respected as required under section 26 of the *Act* and hope for your cooperation in providing a timely response.

We further request that the identity of the requesting organization and the below-mentioned individual be kept confidential.

Any questions regarding this request may be directed to:



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cc. Anastasia Litner, Counsel, Ecojustice