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Re: Requests for Documentation Pertaining to 2013 PTTW Extension
Application: DeBeers/Victor Mine (PTTW# 5521-8CZSNK, and related
CofA#8700-783LPK).

Dear Mr. Hesselink:

Thank you for your letter dated May 27, 2014, regarding the Ministry of the Environment's response to your request for documents supporting the renewal of the DeBeers/Victor Mine Permit To Take Water. In addition, we received the article sent in your email dated June 4, 2014.

The rationale for our earlier response to your request is as follows:

The ministry is required to meet the regulatory requirement of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), and as such, we have a process to follow. It is not the ministry's intent to frustrate stakeholders as they seek to obtain information; however, we must also adhere to our legislative and regulatory FIPPA obligations.

We appreciate that receipt of these documents is critical for your review. . The most efficient/effective means for you to acquire the documents is by direct request to the "owners" of the reports. However, if you are unable to obtain the documents sought directly from De Beers, you should submit a request to the ministry under FIPPA. If you have any questions related to FIPPA or how to submit a request, you can contact the FOI Office at:

40 St Clair Ave West, 12th Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1M2. The general telephone line is 416-314-4075

You may also wish to discuss the content of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario article, and its applicability to this request, directly with staff at the IPC office. The contact information for the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario is as follows:

2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, ON M4W 1A8, Toll-free 1 (800) 387-0073 or (416) 326-3333).

In closing, the ministry is aware that Wildlands League has provided comments to the EBR posting for a renewal of DeBeers' PTTW application. All comments received will be considered by the ministry in its decision making process and before a final decision is made regarding the issuance of this permit.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at

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Regards,

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