



File: MV2021D0009

September 4, 2025

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Attention: Mr. Mason Elwood

**Re: Land Use Permit MV2021D0009
Margaret Lake Camp
Kennady Lake, NT**

Dear Mr. Elwood,

An inspection of the De Beers Canada Inc. Type A Land Use Permit MV2021D0009 for Mining Exploration was conducted by Inspector Tom Bradbury on August 14, 2025. The inspection was carried out to ensure operating conditions annexed to the above-noted land use permit are being adhered to during this land use operation, while following up on previous non-compliance from the June inspection.

Overall, Nuna Logistics personnel conducting work associated with the Mining Exploration program are now taking the proper steps necessary to minimize impacts to the land use area. The Inspector is pleased with the progress of site mitigation pertaining to hydrocarbon management, while ensuring all operating conditions annexed to Land Use Permit MV2021D0009 are being adhered to. Your copy of the Environmental Inspection Report is enclosed for your review and records.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at (867) 446-4487.

Sincerely,

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ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT

Permittee:	De Beers Canada Inc. – Margaret Lake Camp	Inspection Date: August 14, 2025
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		Permit Expiry Date	Previous Inspection
Land Use Permit No.	MV2021D0009	June 28, 2026	July 29, 2025
Quarrying Permit No.	N/A		
Contractor:	Nuna Logistics Ltd.	Subcontractor:	

Location(s) Inspected:	Margaret Lake Camp
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Current Stage of Operation:	The camp assists with GK mining operations and is open during the winter road season.
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Condition of Operation A- Acceptable U - Unacceptable N/A - Not Applicable

	Operating Condition	Aspect Inspected	
		General Conditions	Condition
A	Location and Area	A	
B	Time	A	
C	Type and Size of Equipment	A	
D	Methods and Techniques	A	
E	Type, Location, Capacity and Operation of All Facilities	A	
F	Control or Prevention of Ponding of Water, Flooding, Erosion, Slides and Subsidence of Land	A	
G	Use, Storage, Handling and Ultimate Disposal of Any Chemical or Toxic Material	A*	26(1)(g)-37
H	Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat	A	
I	Storage, Handling and Disposal of Refuse or Sewage	A*	26(1)(i)-41
J	Protection of Historical, Archeological and Burial Sites	N/A	
K	Objects and Places of Recreational, Scenic or Ecological Value	N/A	
L	Security Deposit	A	
M	Fuel Storage	A*	26(1)(m)-49(a)(b), 51, 53, 60, 62,63
N	Methods & Techniques for Debris & Brush Disposal	A	
O	Restoration of the Lands	A	
P	Display of Permits and Permit Numbers	A	
Q	Matters Not Inconsistent with the Regulations	A	
R	Sections 8 to 16 M.V.L.U.R.	A	



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Explanatory Remarks

An inspection of the De Beers Canada Inc., Gahcho Kue Mining and Associated Activities LUP was conducted by Inspector Tom Bradbury on August 14, 2025. The inspection was carried out to ensure operating conditions annexed to the above-noted land use permit are being adhered to during this land use operation, while following up on previously noted concerns.

Site conditions have improved dramatically since the June inspection where a number of non-compliance items were highlighted as requiring mitigation (Photo 1). The Inspector is quite pleased with the turnaround of site conditions through the efforts of De Beers’ contractor Nuna and the hiring of BluMetric for site assessment and sampling.

Observations At Site

Areas previously flagged for excavation by BluMetric have been sampled and final results will be provided by De Beers when received (Photos 2-3). Preliminary results have demonstrated that hydrocarbons are still present in two excavated sites, including the incinerator area (Photo 4).

Nuna personnel relocated vehicles for cleanup and maintenance purposes (Photo 5). Upon inspection all superficial spillage noted under vehicles, tanks, and open areas had been cleaned up to the Inspector’s satisfaction (Photos 6-8). Spill pads have been replaced under all vehicles, and there remains no observable hydrocarbon staining on site or leakages from any equipment (9-10). A general reorganization and tidying of site was conducted by Nuna involving consolidation of debris earmarked for removal on the winter road, while decluttering of items such as totes and lumber was also noted (Photo 11-12). A total of 70 mega bags of hydrocarbon contaminated soil was collected from the cleanup of Margaret Lake camp by Nuna personnel over two site visits, which will shipped off site on the 2026 winter road (Photo 13).

Once De Beers provides the final sample results the Inspector can determine next steps, which will shift from cleanup to prevention for the upcoming operational season. This will occur through a work plan, and regular updates which will be determined through future discussions with De Beers and Nuna.

In conclusion, the Inspector is quite pleased with the response to the June inspection and the timeframe in which De Beers and Nuna were able to mitigate the non-compliances previously noted. Remarkable improvement can be demonstrated between the June through August inspection reports, and all parties are confident that the 2026 winter operational season will be a success!



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Photo Log/Explanatory Remarks

Photo 1 – Margaret Lake Camp – Extensive progress with cleanup efforts.



Photo 2 – Margaret Lake Camp – Previously identified spill area excavation.





Photo 3 – Margaret Lake Camp – Previously identified spill area awaiting further excavation.



Photo 4 – Margaret Lake Camp – Excavation of area where incinerator was located.





Photo 5 – Margaret Lake Camp – Vehicles relocated for maintenance and cleanup purposes.



Photo 6 – Margaret Lake Camp – Refueling area has been cleaned-up.





Photo 7 - Margaret Lake Camp – Hydrocarbon staining below raised tank has been cleaned-up.



Photo 8 - Margaret Lake Camp – Hydrocarbon staining cleanup in open areas has been conducted.





Photo 9 - Margaret Lake Camp – Absorbent pads replaced under heavy equipment (1).



Photo 10 - Margaret Lake Camp – Absorbent pads replaced under heavy equipment (2).





Photo 11 - Margaret Lake Camp – Areas noted as disorganized were reorganized.



Photo 12 - Margaret Lake Camp – Consolidation of material earmarked for shipment off site.





Photo 13 - Margaret Lake Camp – Mega bags of hydrocarbon contaminated soil from cleanup.

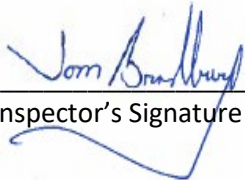


Completed off Site

Representative’s Signature

Tom Bradbury

Inspector



Inspector’s Signature